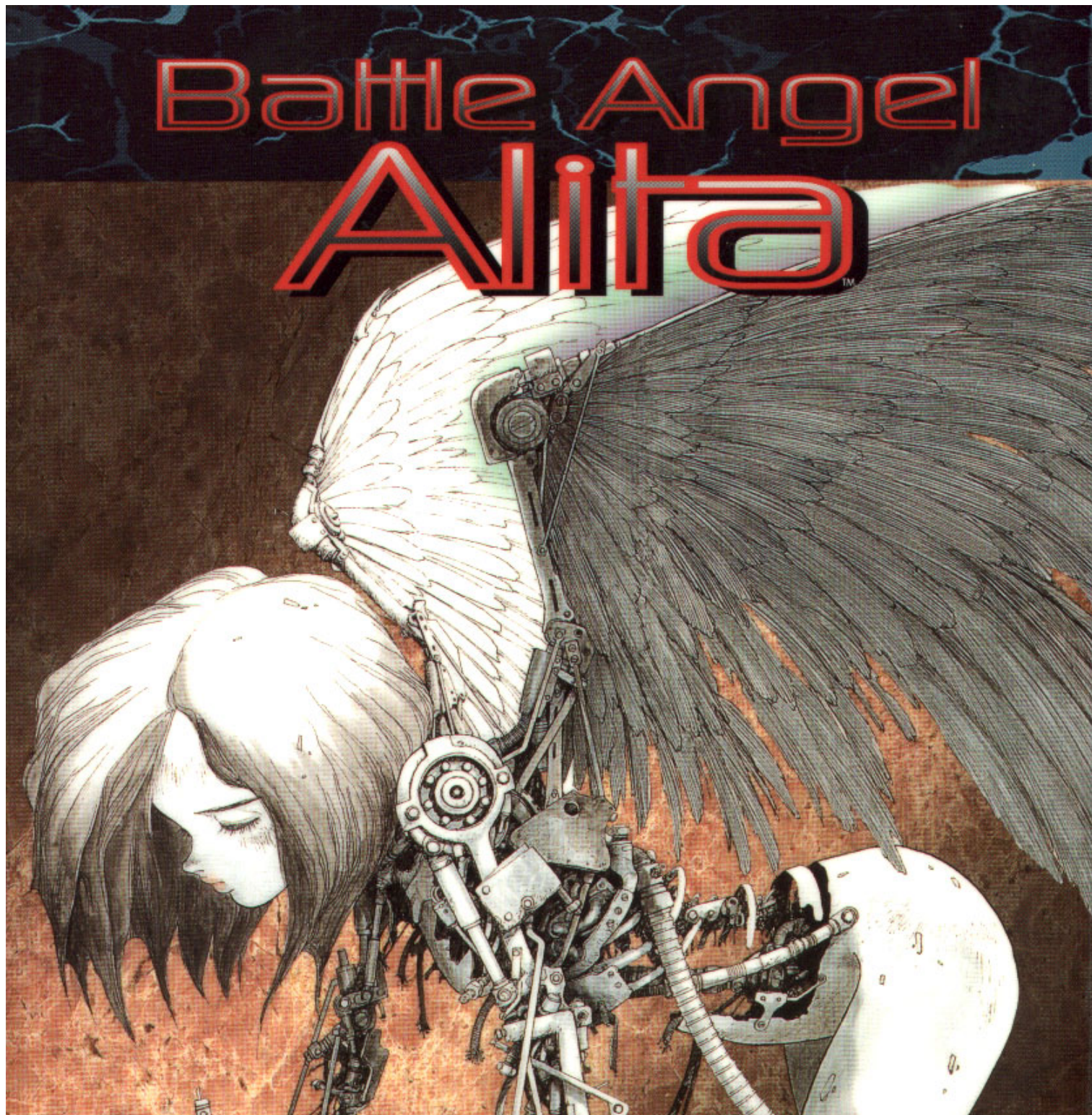


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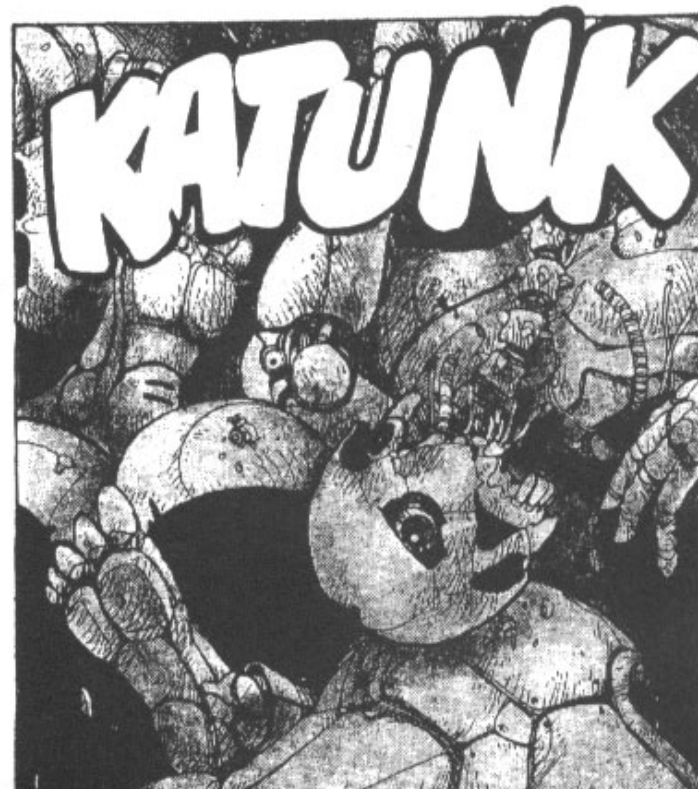
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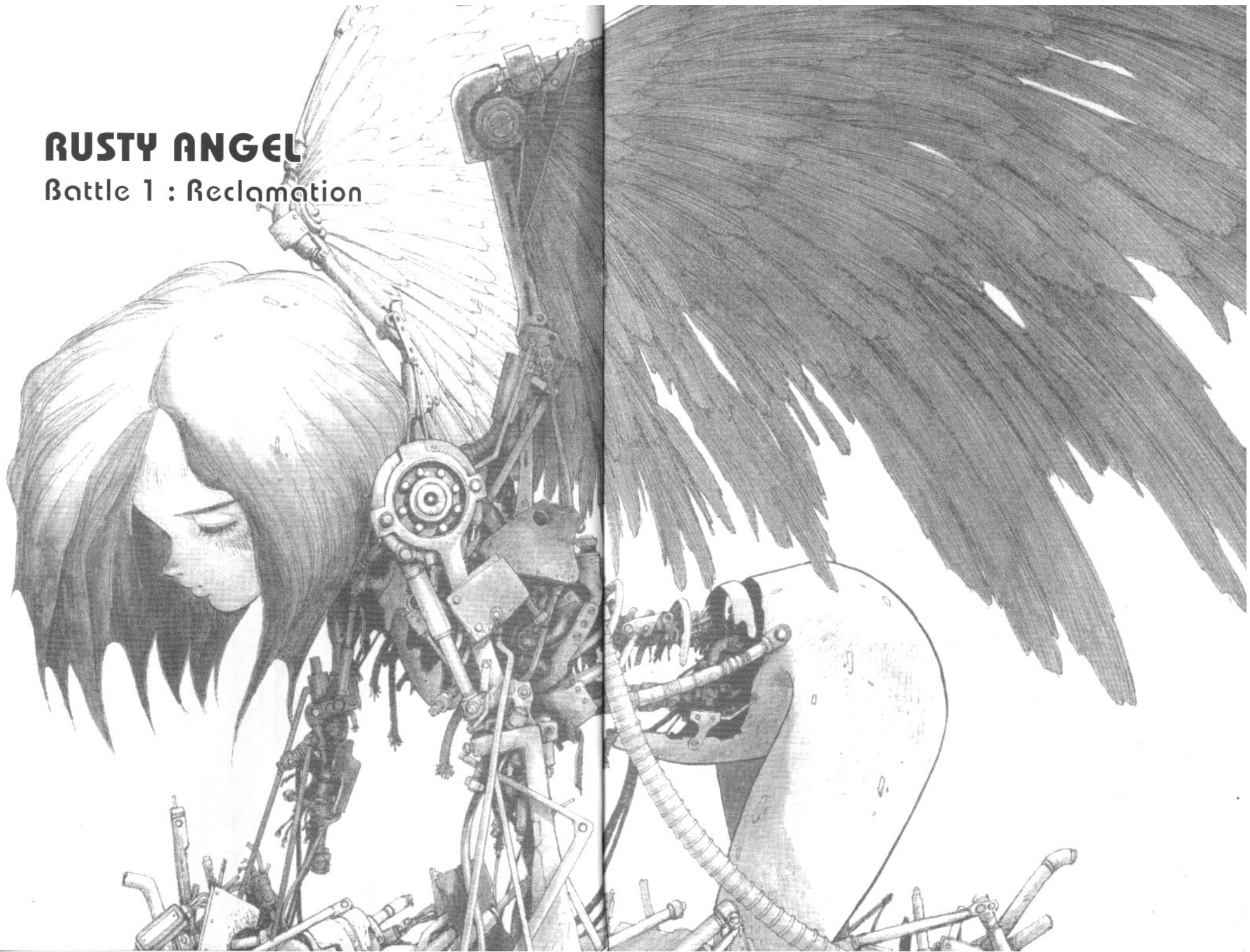
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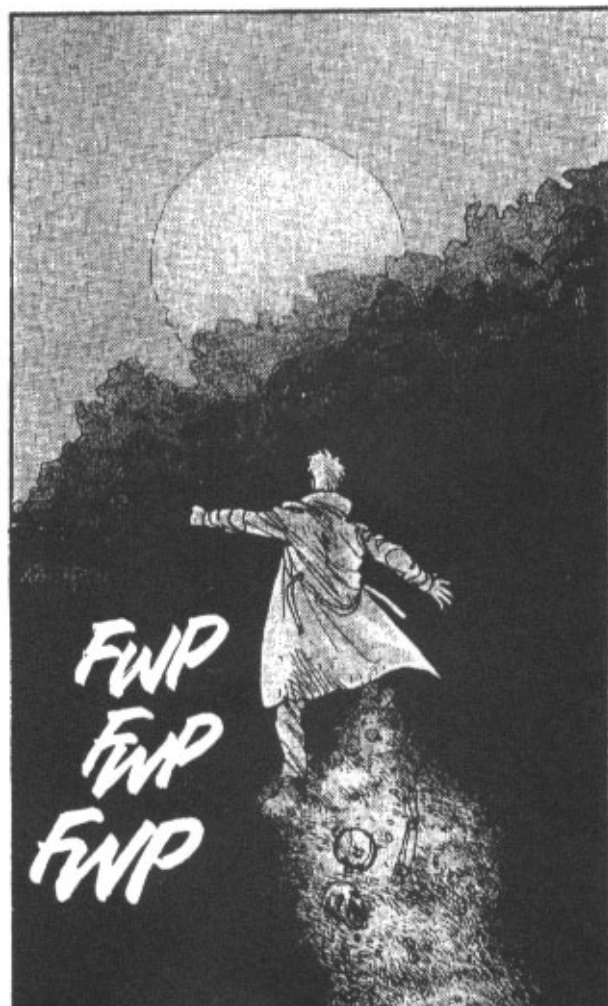
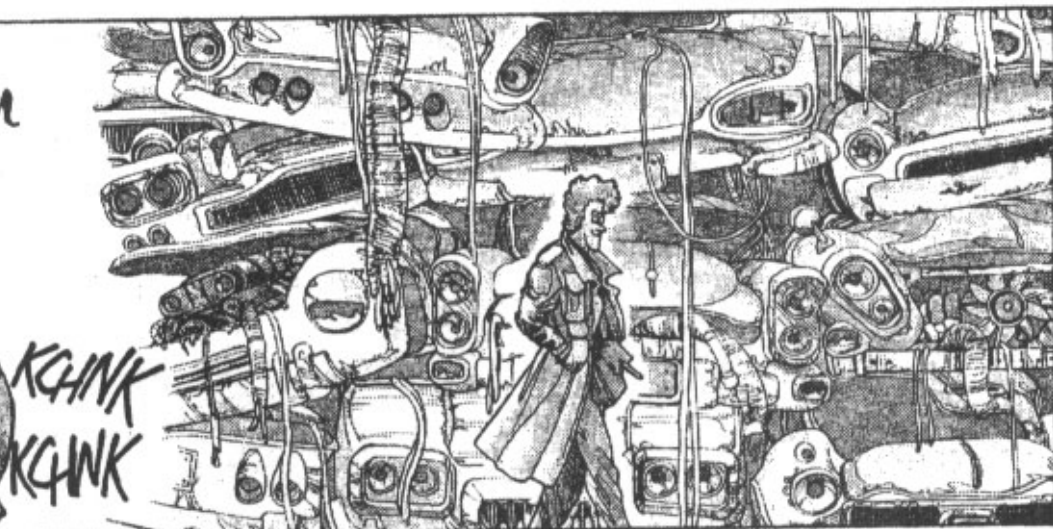
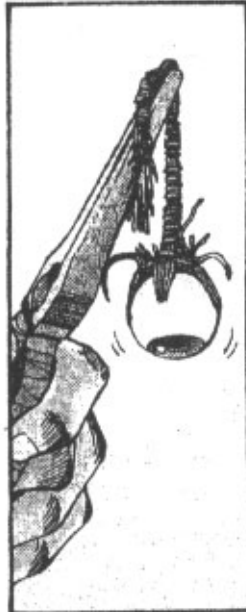
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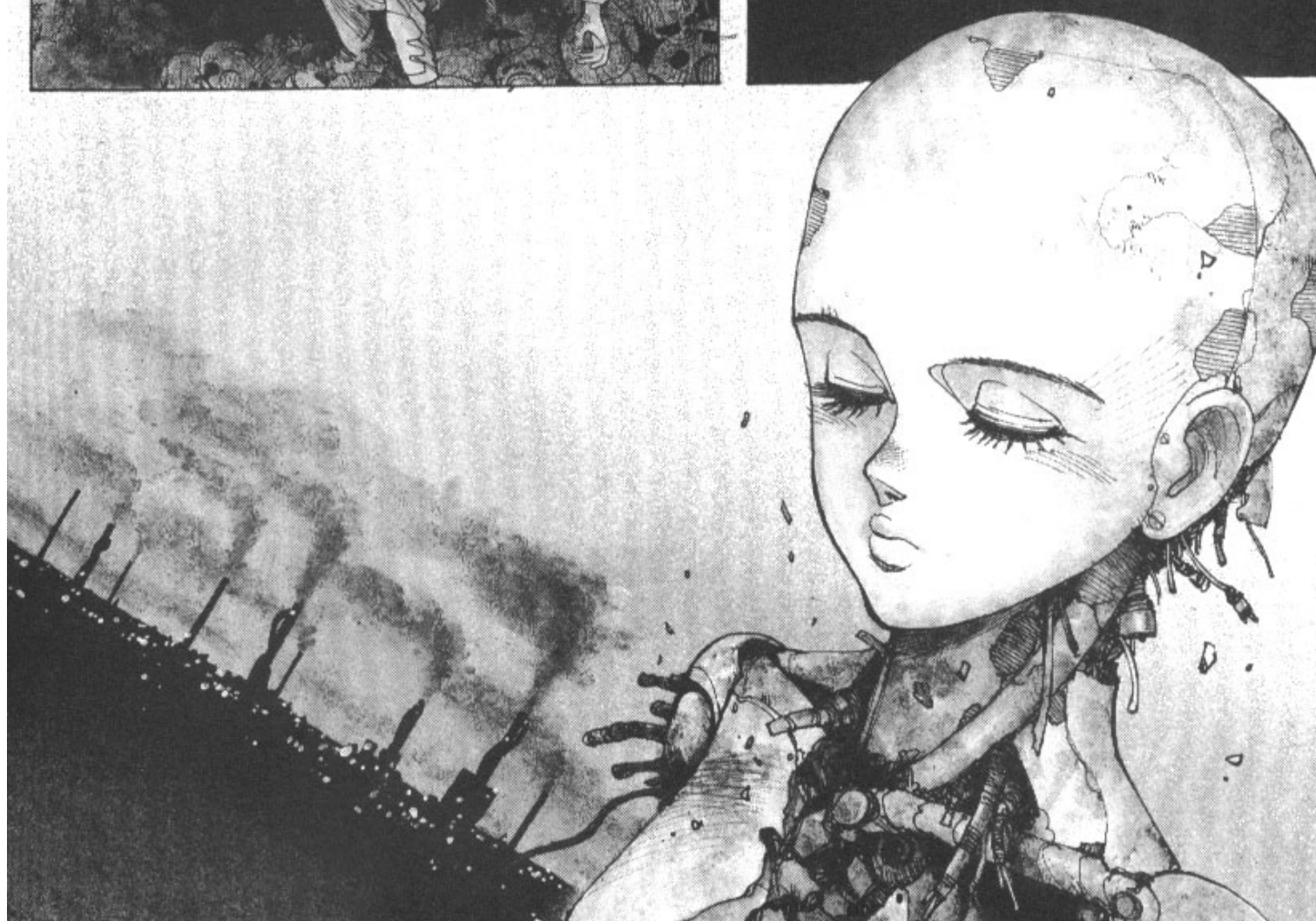


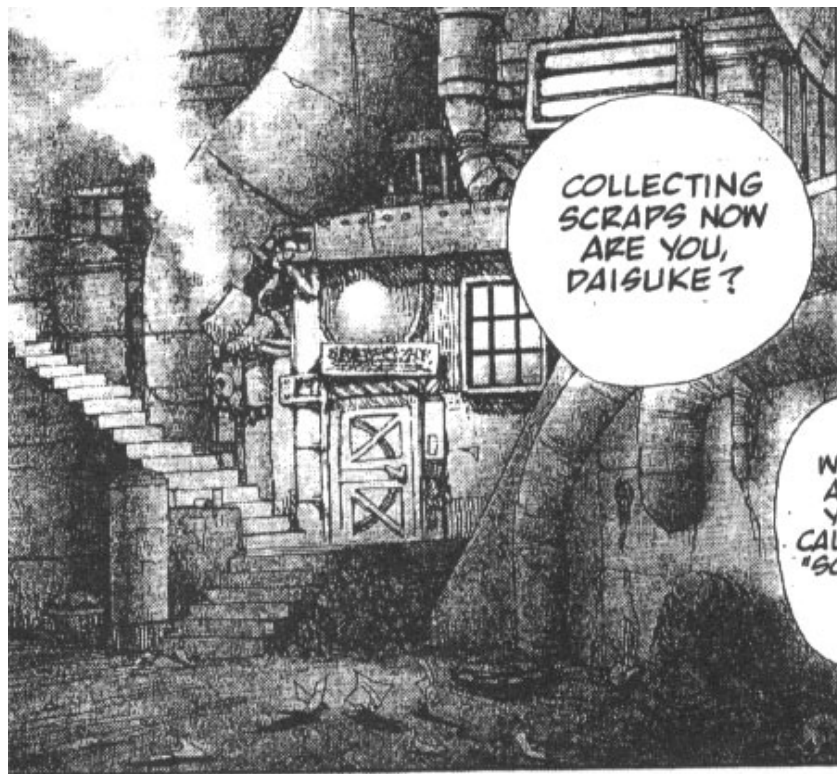
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Battle 1 : Reclamation









COLLECTING
SCRAPS NOW
ARE YOU,
DAISUKE?

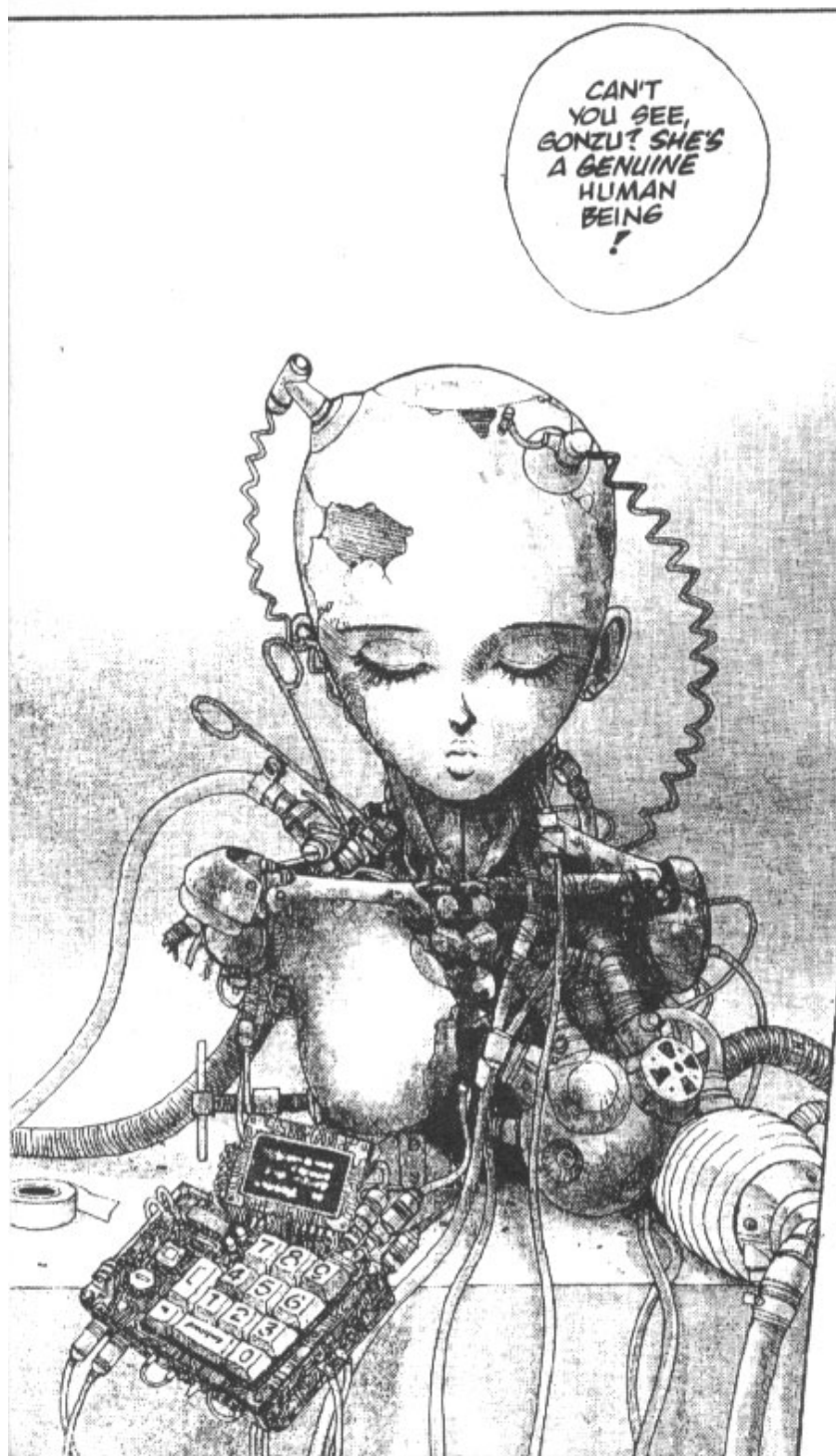


DAISUKE IDO, MECHANIC
• CYBORGS • ANDROIDS • ROBOTS •
REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS, TUNING & MAINTENANCE
KYBERNETIK REPARATURWERKSTÄTTE

MAX HEADROOM 20 M

THOSE
WITH
BUSINESS

WHAT
ARE
YOU
CALLING
"SCRAPS"
?



CAN'T
YOU SEE,
GONZU? SHE'S
A GENUINE
HUMAN
BEING
!



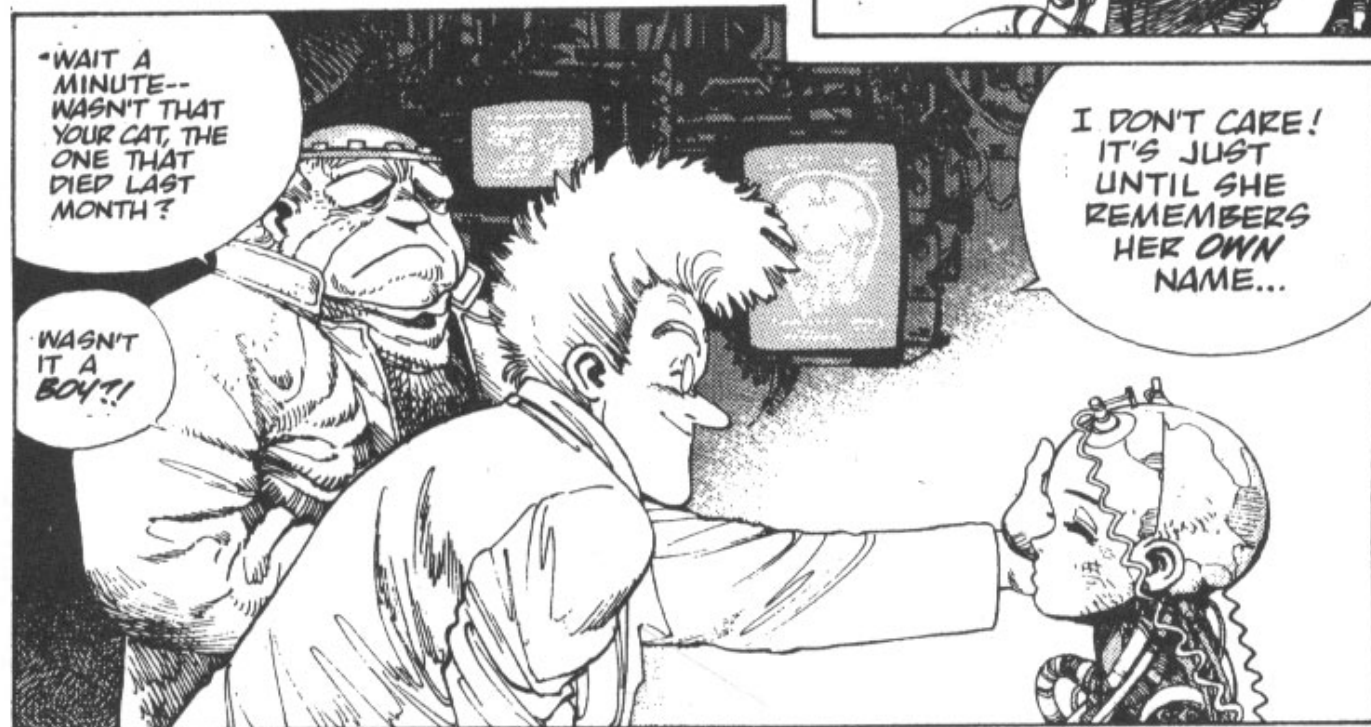
JUDGING
FROM THE
BODY PARTS,
I'D SAY
IT WAS A
TWO-OR
THREE-
HUNDRED-
YEAR-OLD
MODEL...

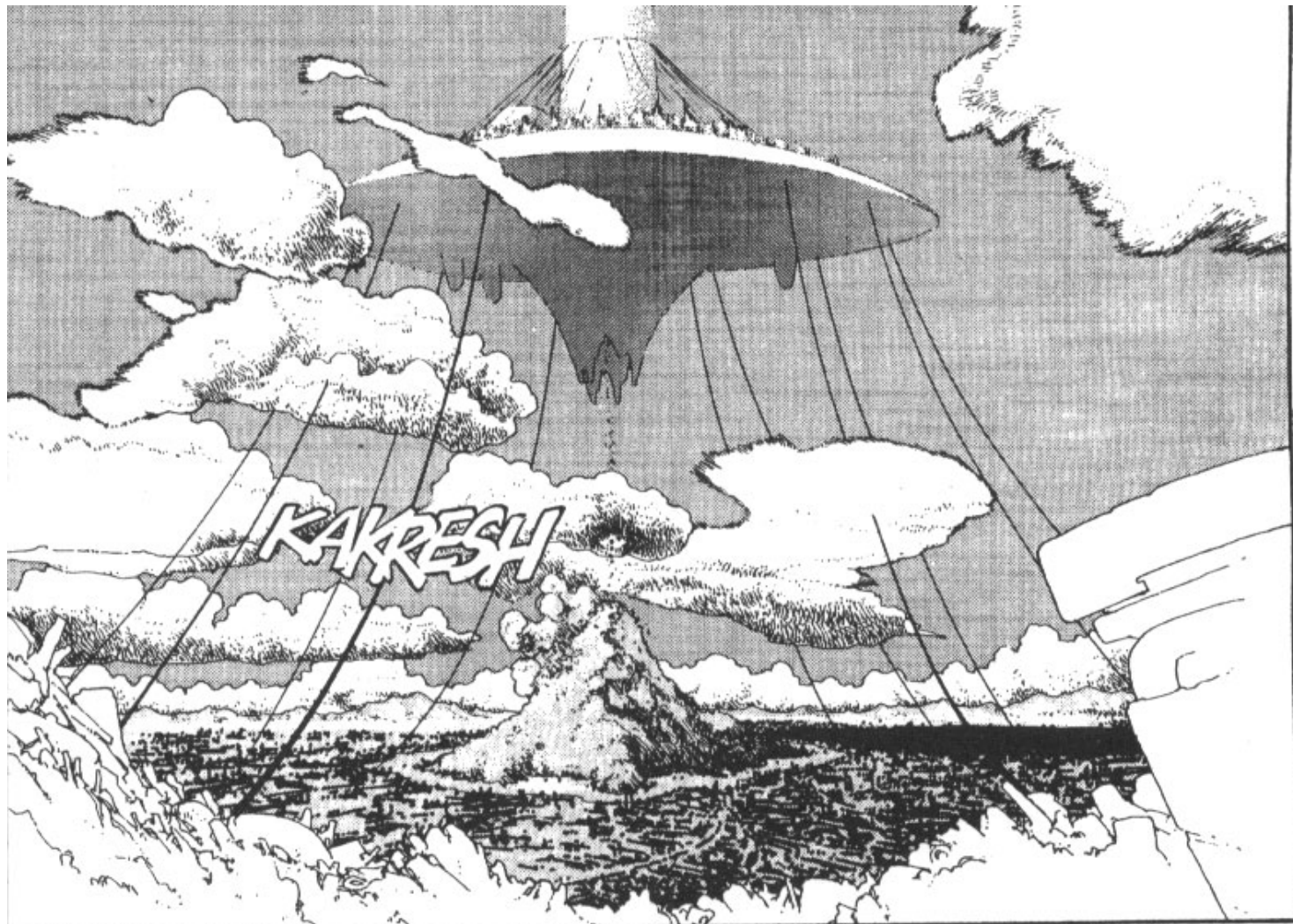
IT'S A
MIRACLE HER
BRAIN'S STILL
INTACT...
SORT OF IN
HIBERNATION...

SOUNDS
NICE.



Tock





OUR HOUSE
IS OVER THAT
WAY...

...IN
"THE SCRAP
YARD."

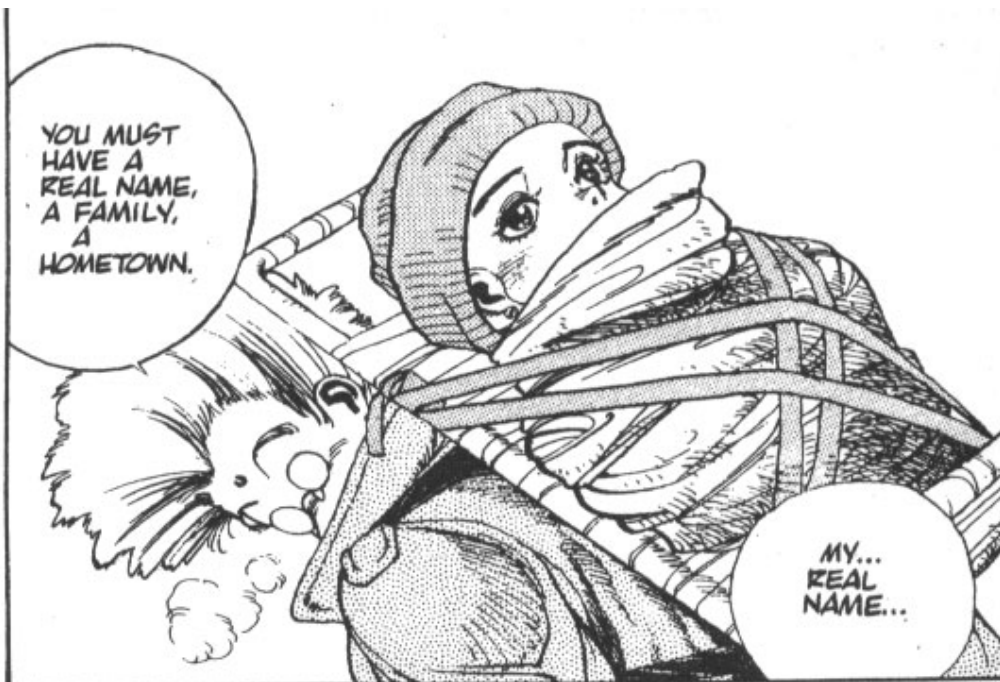
UP THERE
IS
"TIPHARES,"
THE MID-
AIR CITY...

...THEY
LOOK
DOWN
ON US.



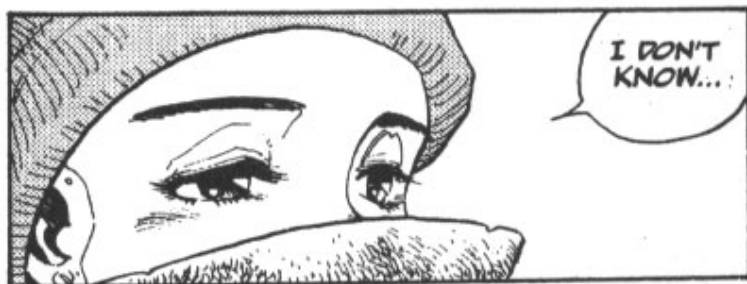


I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE
ABOUT
YOU,
ALITA.



YOU MUST
HAVE A
REAL NAME,
A FAMILY,
A
HOMETOWN.

MY...
REAL
NAME...



I DON'T
KNOW...



WELL,
THERE'S
NO
RUSH!

YEAH
?

YOU CAN
LIVE WITH
ALITA FOR
NOW, RIGHT
?



HMM. I WAS
HOPING WE'D
FIND SOME
THINGS TO USE
FOR YOUR
BODY...

...BUT IT
DOESN'T
LOOK THAT
WAY...

TINK

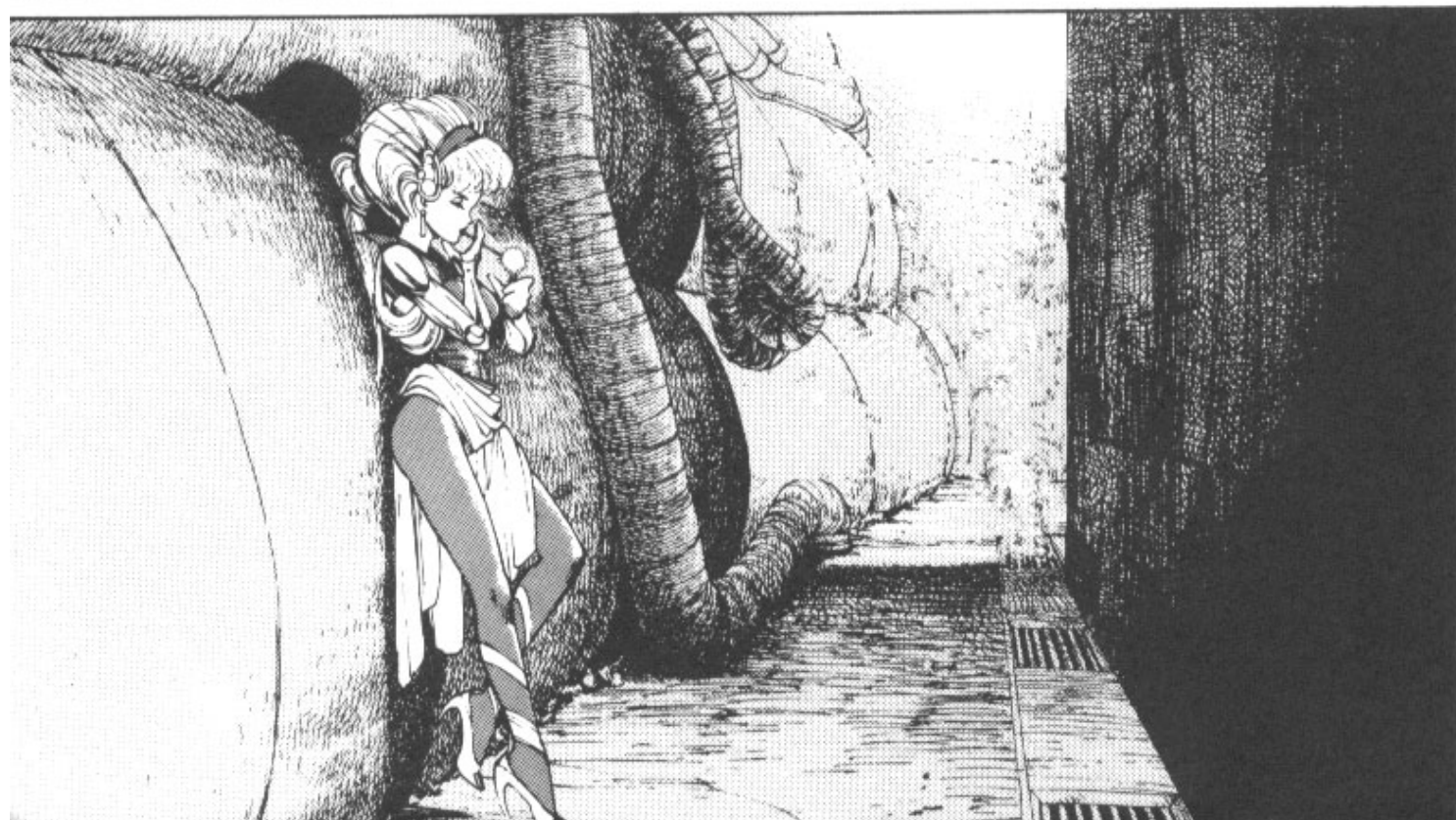
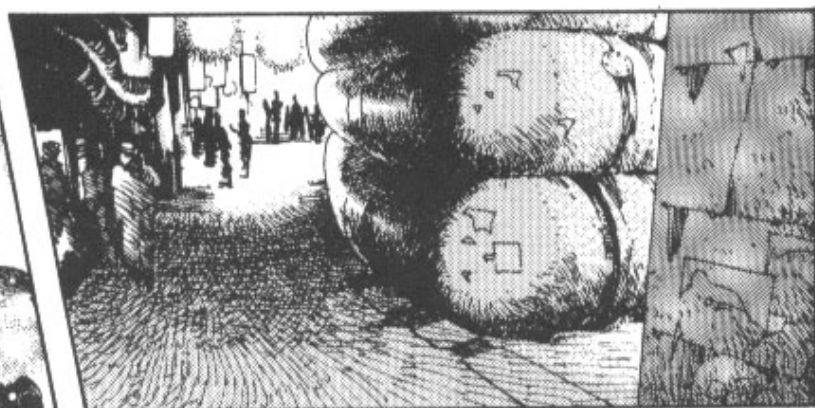


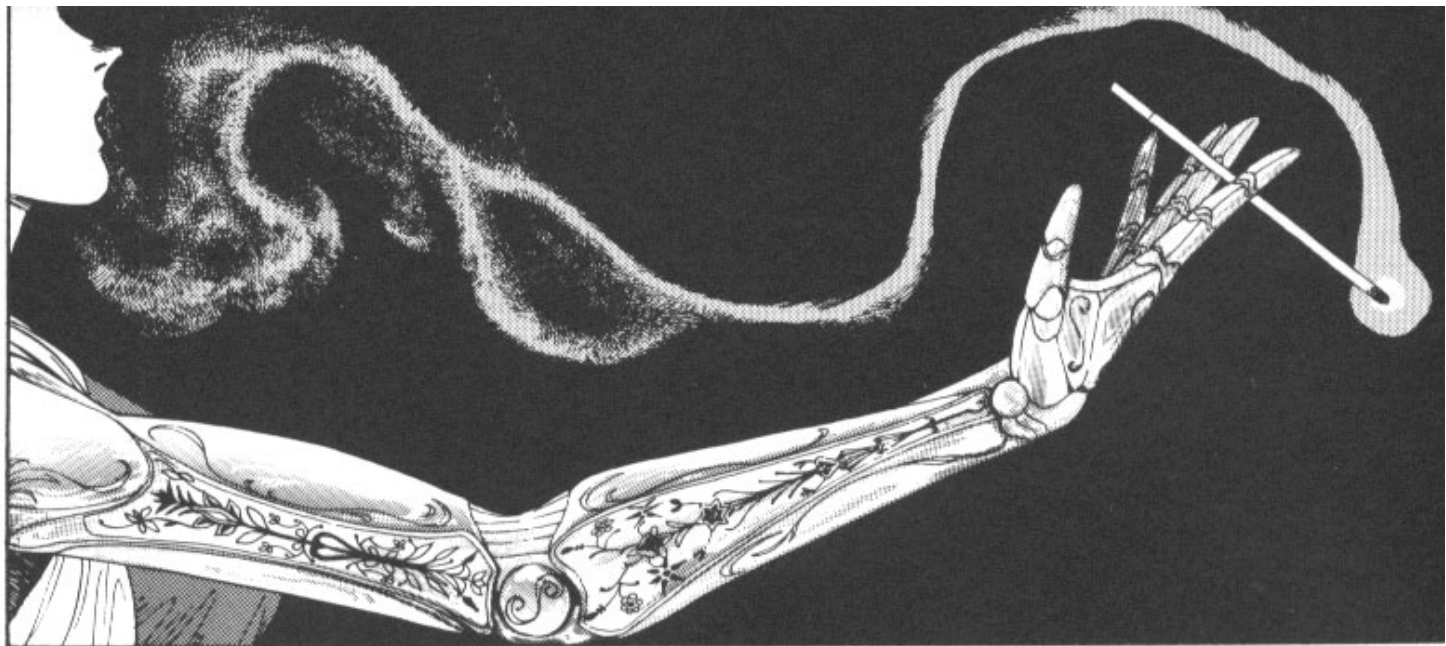
DAMN!
DAMN!

LOOK, ALITA--
IT'LL BE
SOME TIME
BEFORE YOU'RE
UP AND
RUNNING...



...BUT I'LL
MAKE IT
WORTH THE
WAIT. I PROMISE.
YOU'LL CHERISH
THESE DAYS...
THESE
MEMORIES...

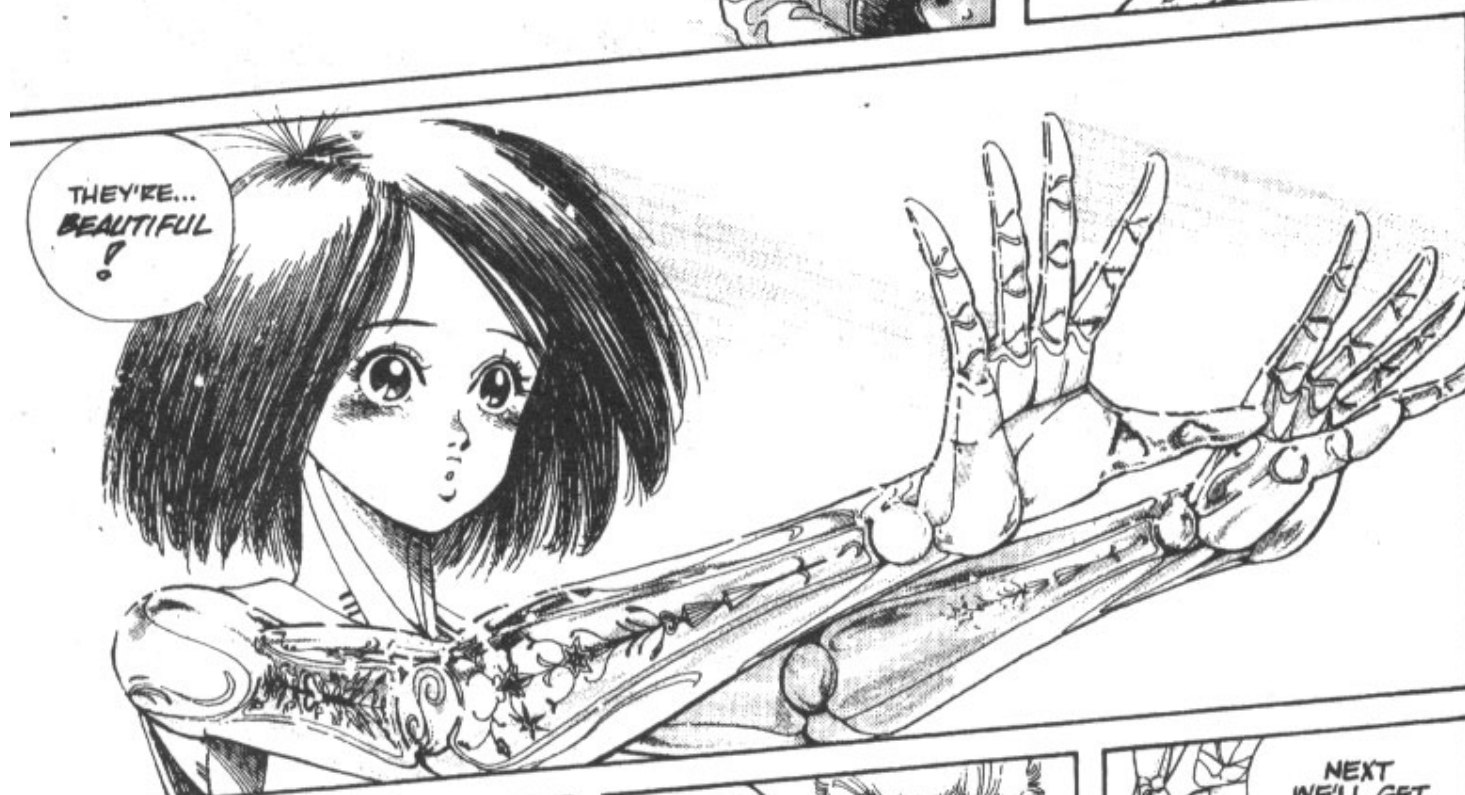






THAT'S
IT!

NOW GIVE
THEM A TRY,
ALITA.



THEY'RE...
BEAUTIFUL
!

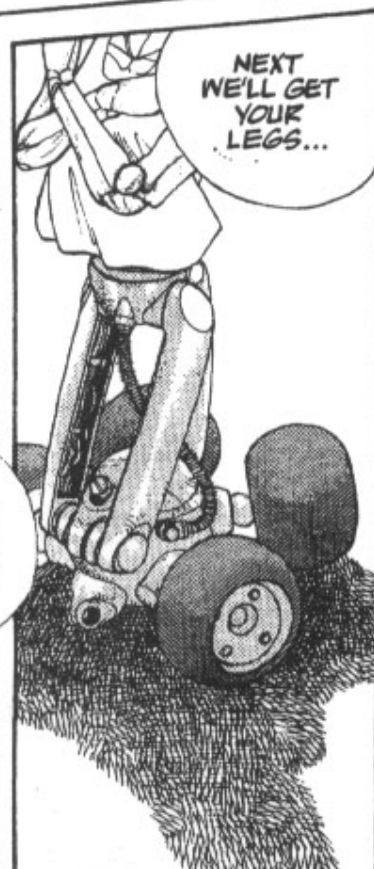


THANK YOU,
DAISUKE...



BUT--BUT
WEREN'T
THEY
EXPENSIVE...
?

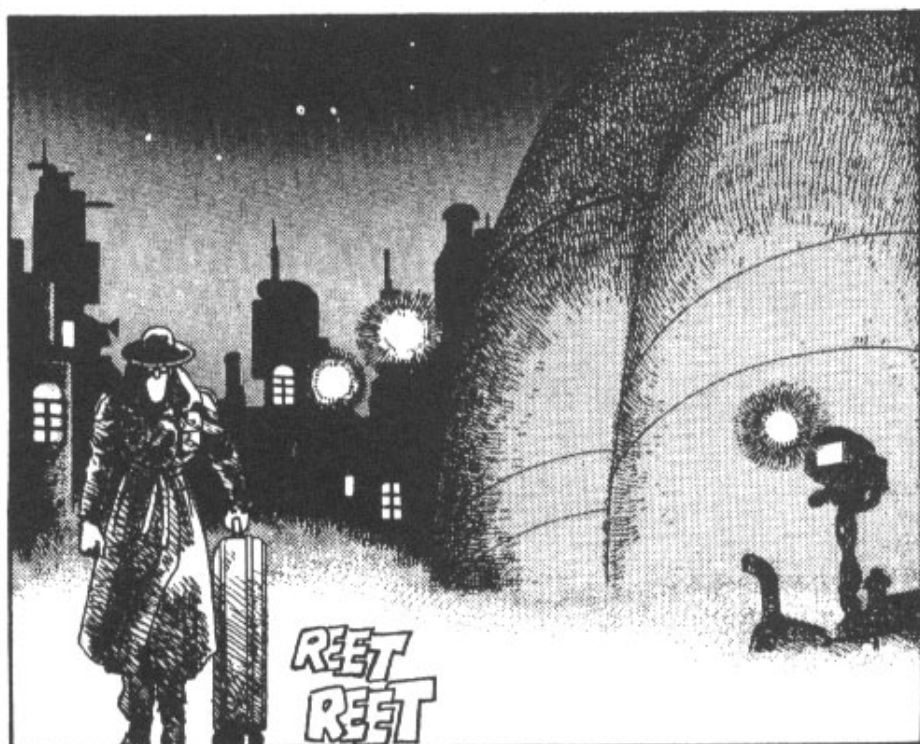
OH, I
JUST FOUND
THEM AT THE
USED PARTS
SHOP.



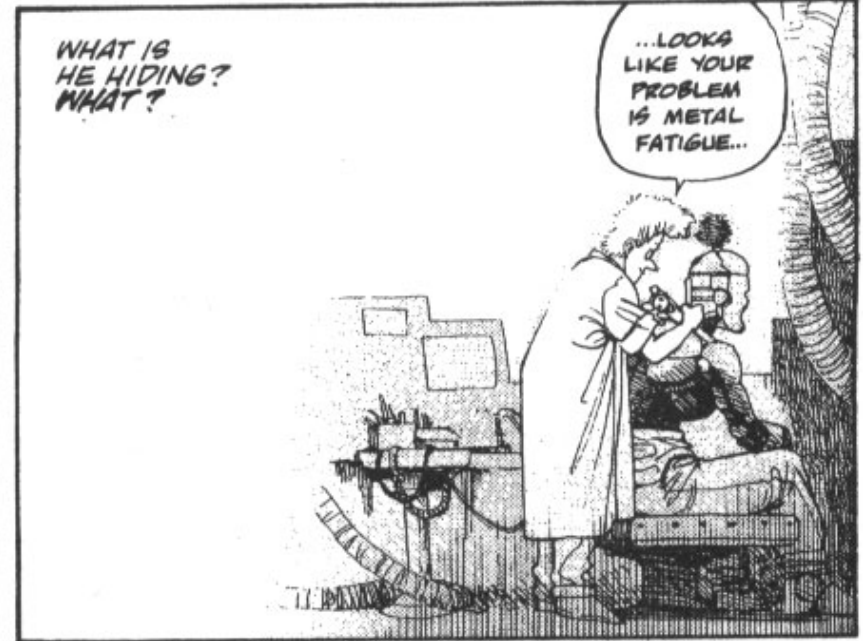
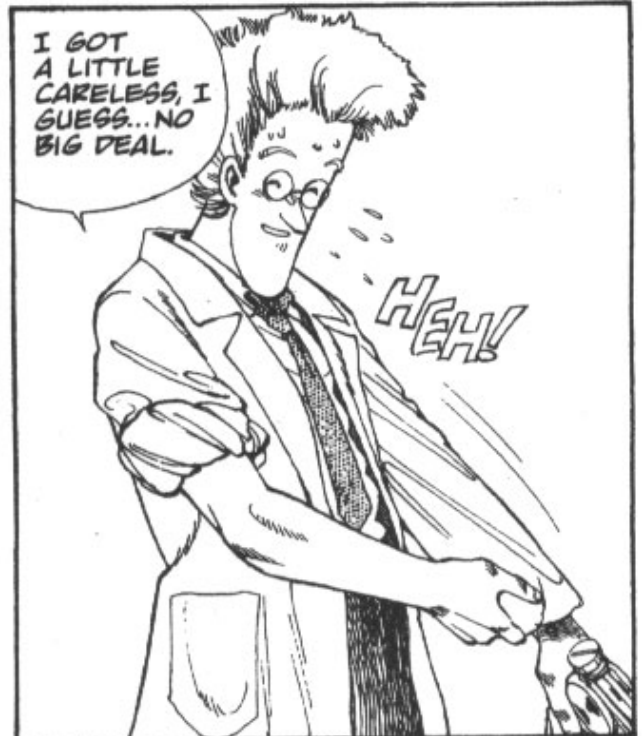
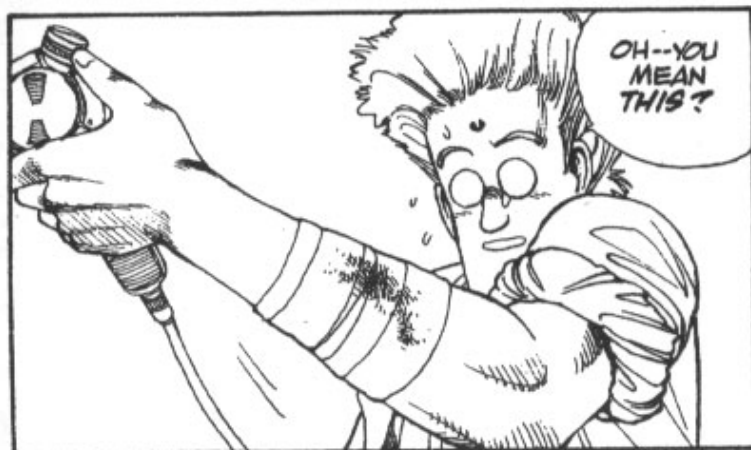
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WE'LL GET
YOUR
LEGS...

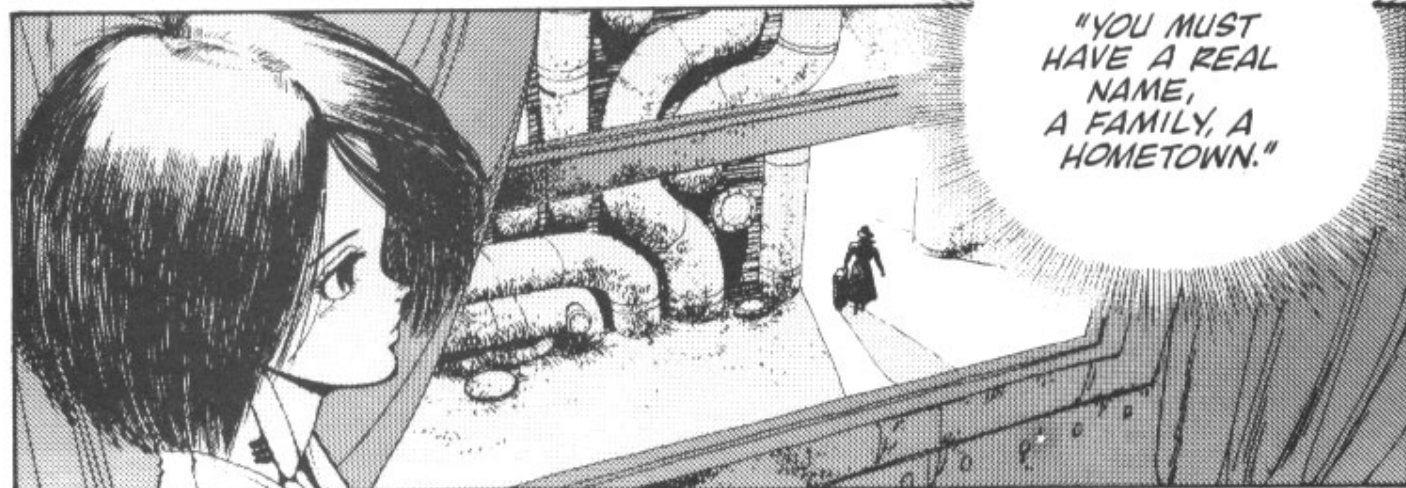
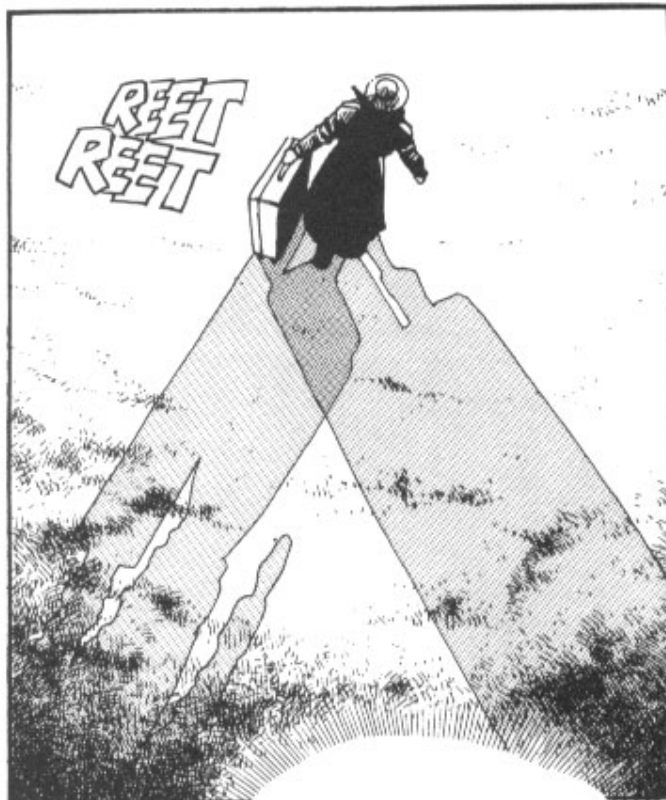
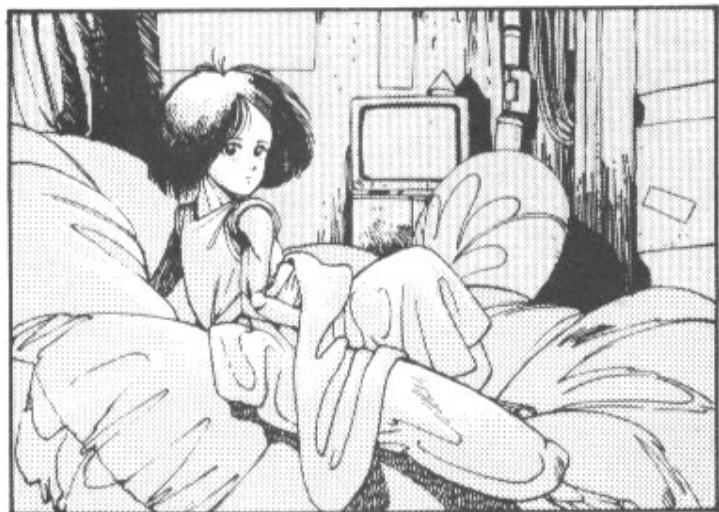
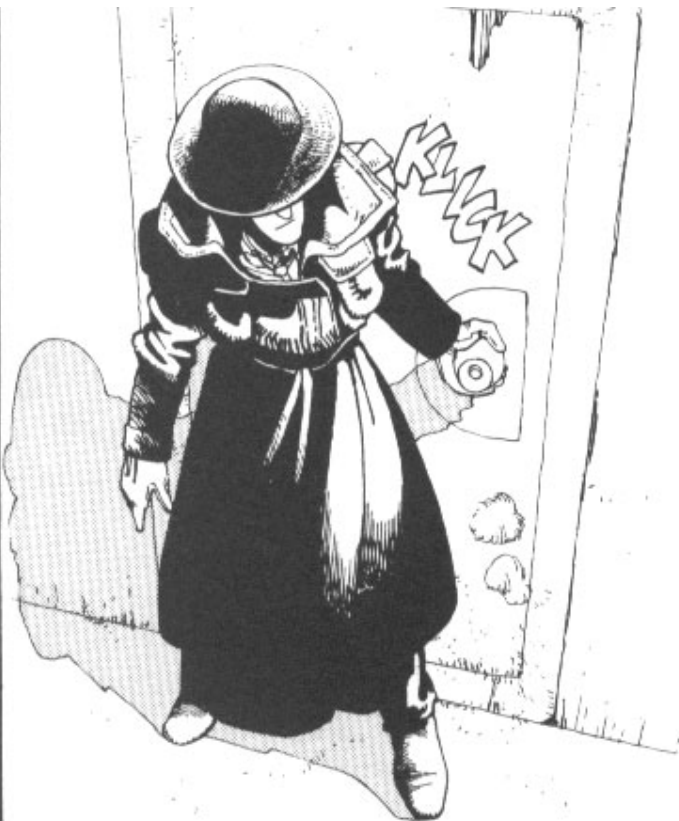
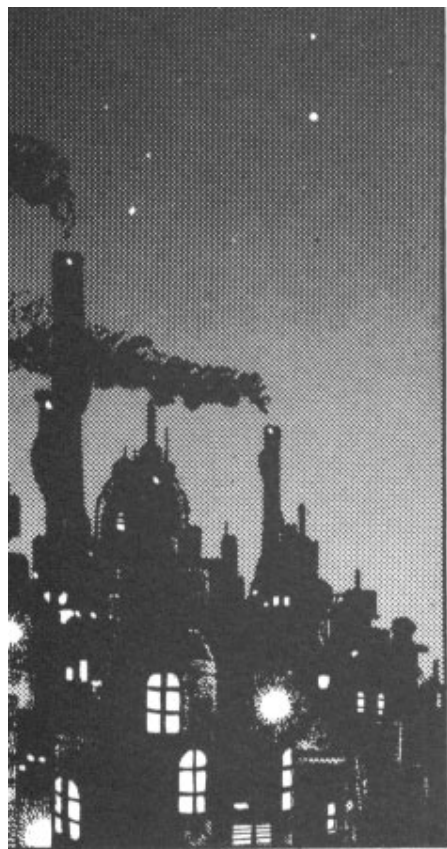


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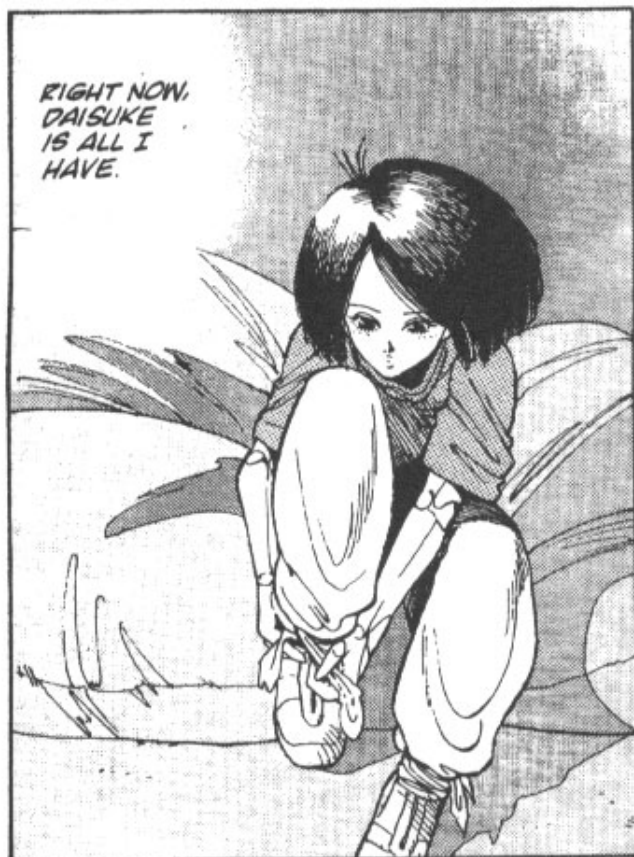








"YOU MUST
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A FAMILY, A
HOMETOWN."



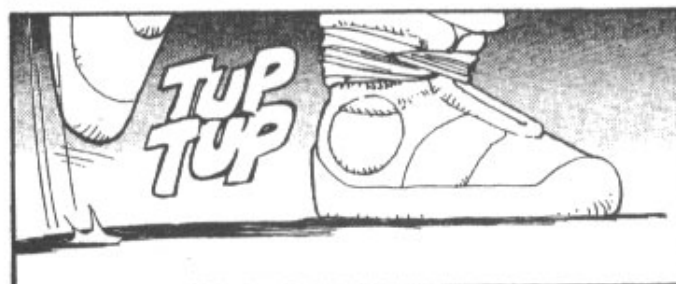
RIGHT NOW,
DAISUKE
IS ALL I
HAVE.



AND THAT'S
ENOUGH.
I DON'T
NEED
A REAL
NAME...

...I'LL
JUST BE
"ALITA"...

SH
EEP!!



TUP
TUP



"IT'LL BE SOME
TIME BEFORE
YOU'RE
UP AND
RUNNING..."

...BUT I'LL
MAKE IT
WORTH THE
WAIT. I
PROMISE."

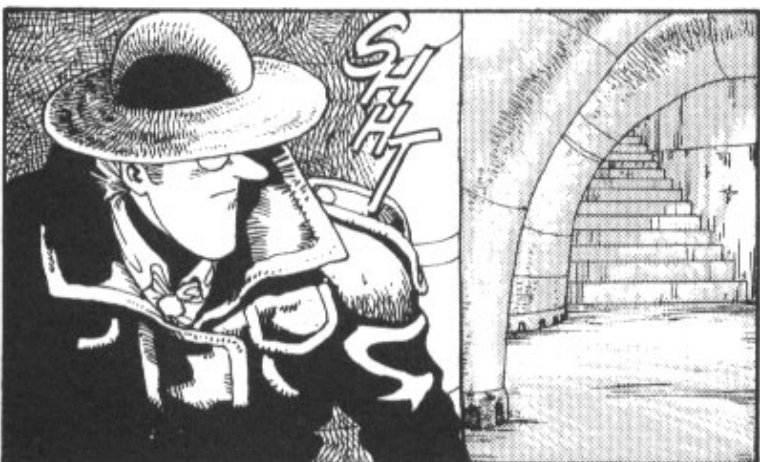
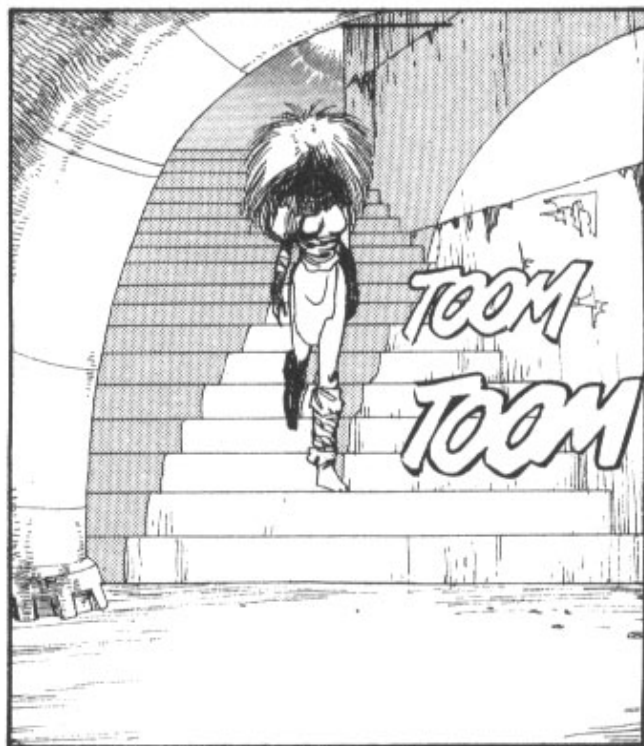
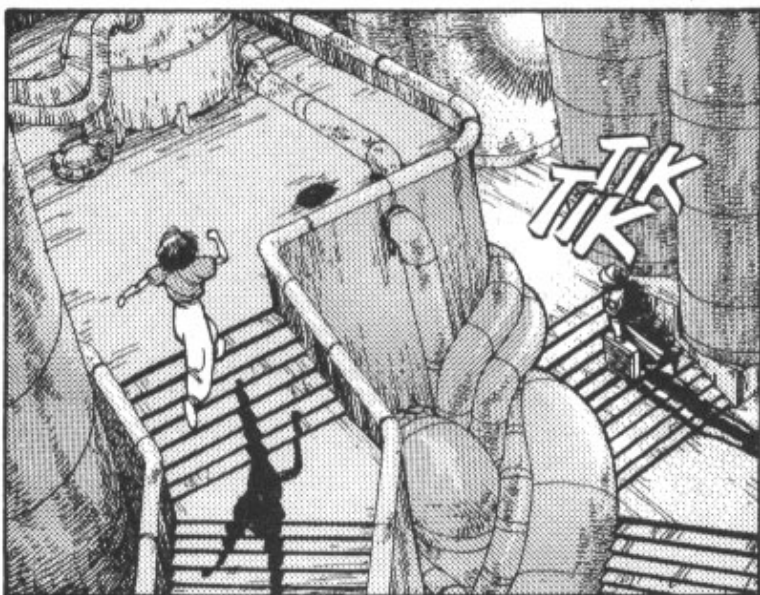


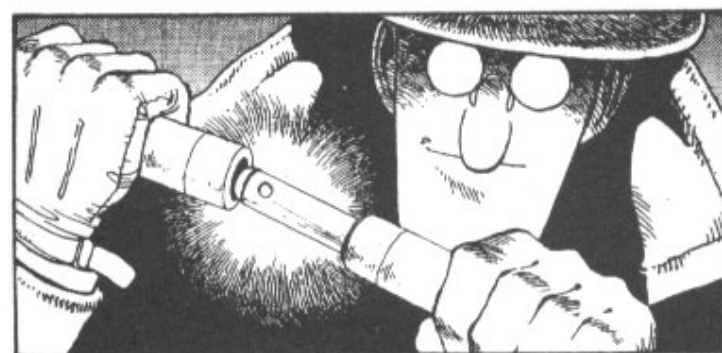
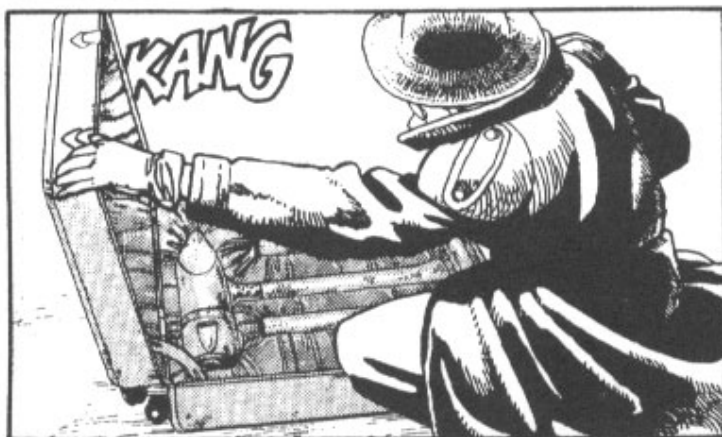
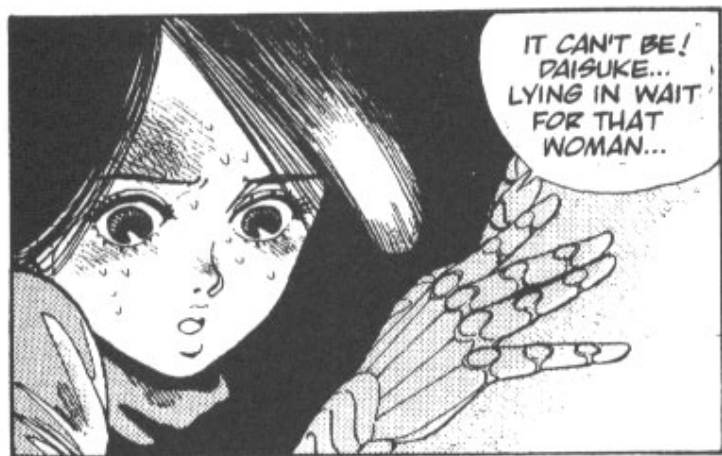
"...SLITTING
THE THROATS
OF CUTE
YOUNG
THINGS..."

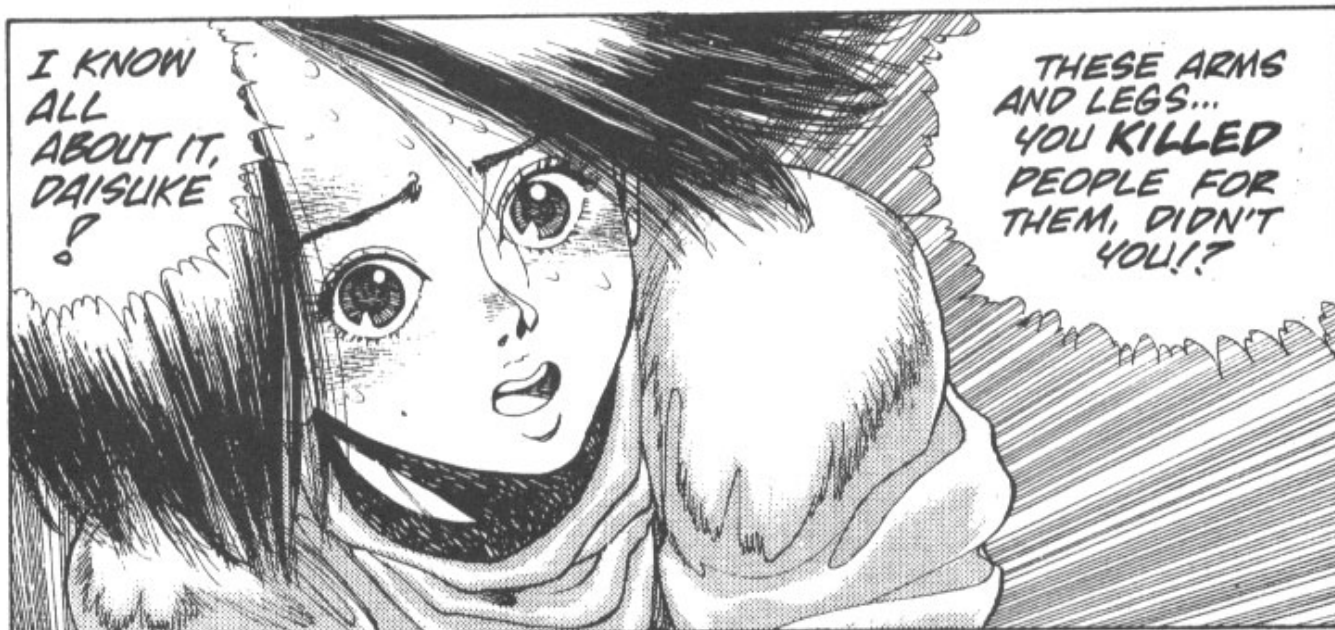


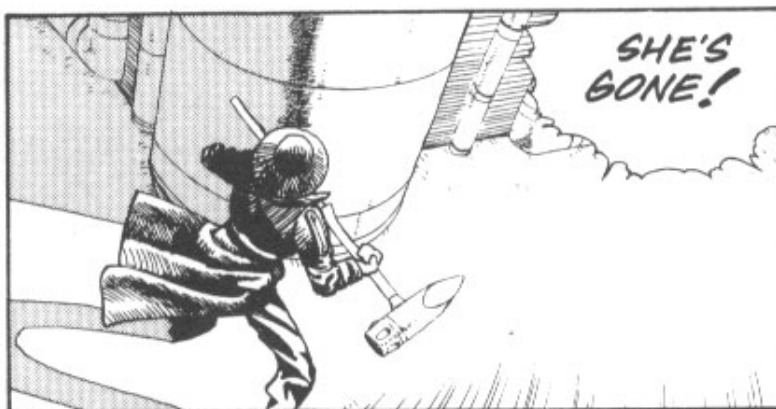
FUSH

WHAT'S
GOING ON?--
I HAVE TO
KNOW!

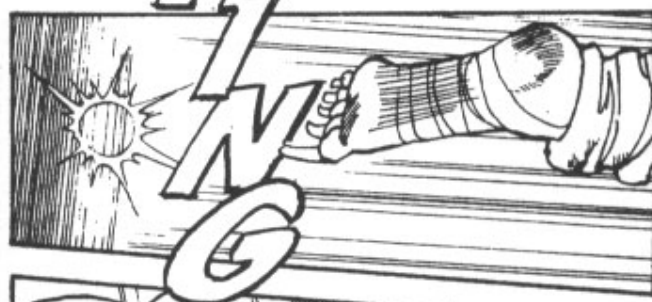


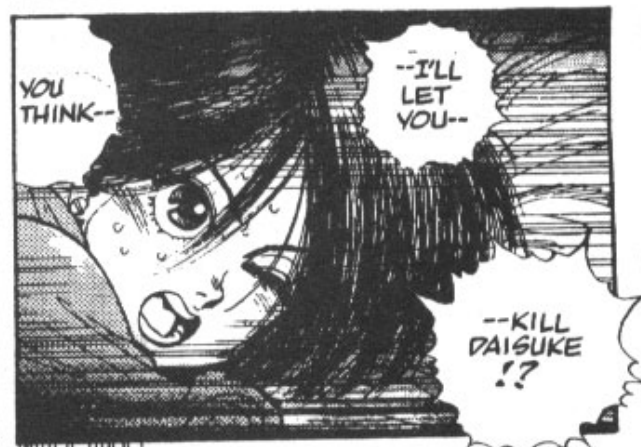


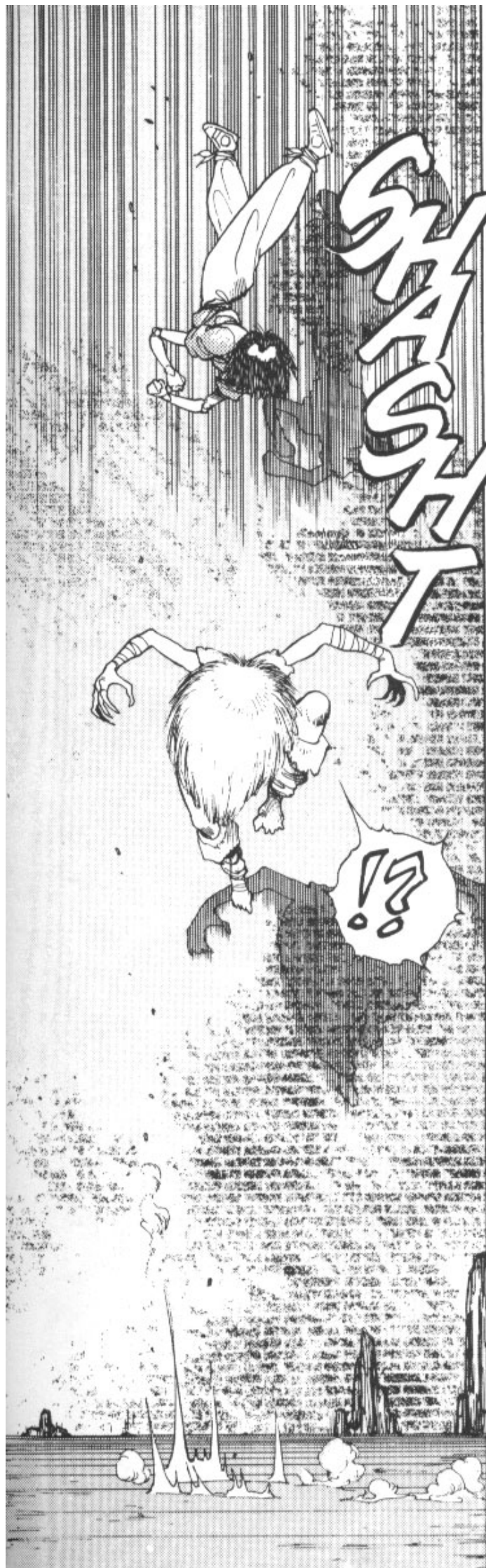












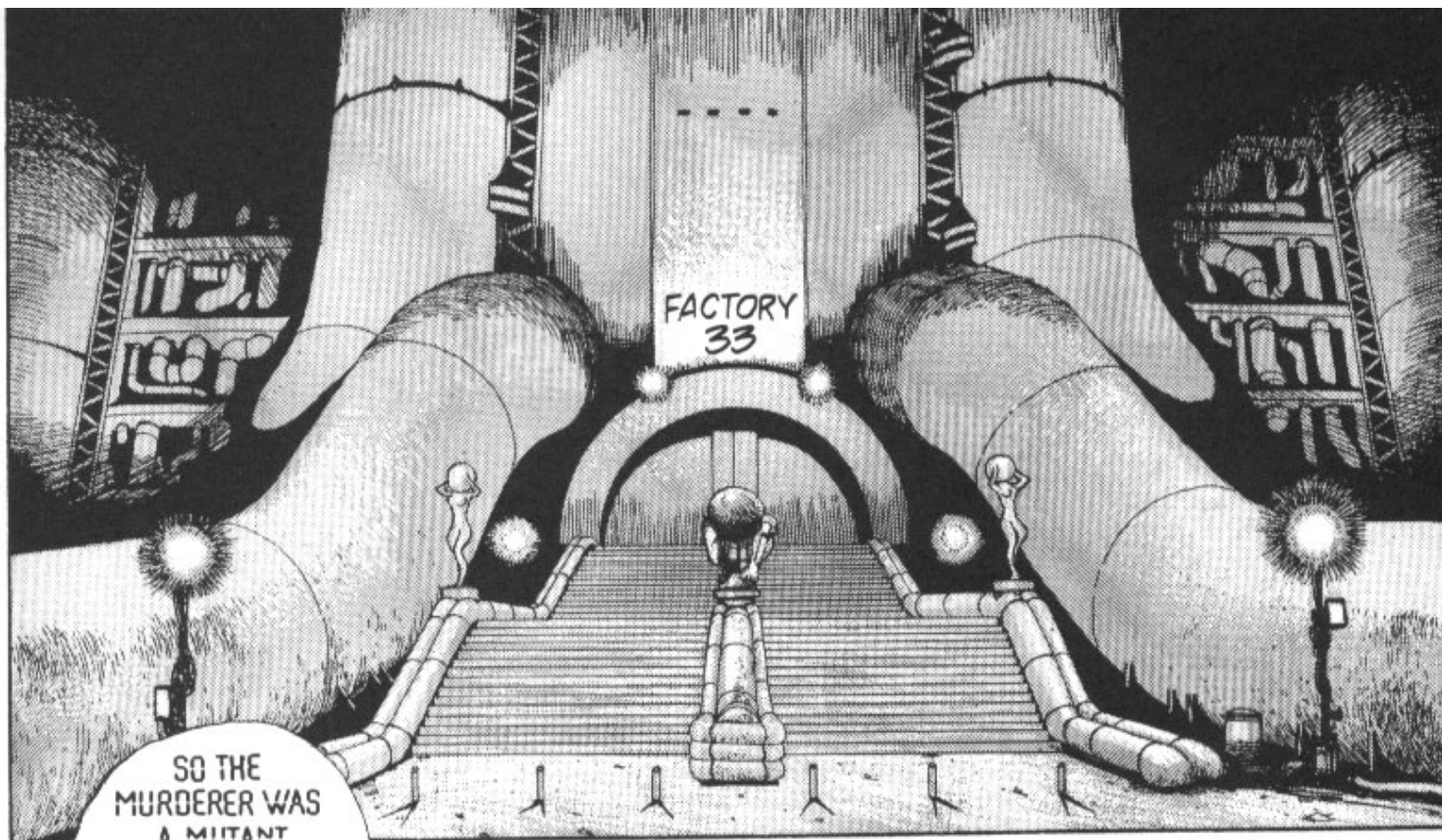


A-ALITA...



THE PANZER KUNST*! ONLY ONE TYPE OF HUMANOID CYBORG EVER MASTERED THAT FIGHTING TECHNIQUE! BUT HOW--?!

*PANZER KUNST, OR THE 'ARMORED ARTS': SAID TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE VARIOUS FIGHTING TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED FOR HUMANOID CYBORGS.

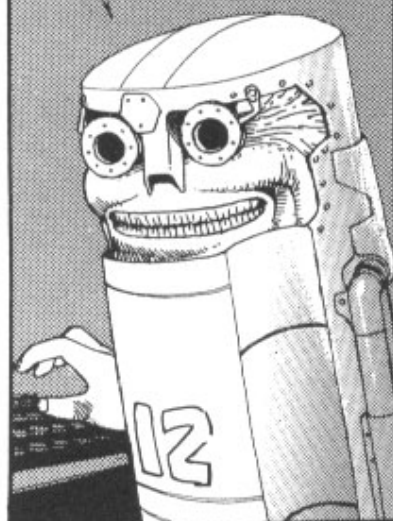


SO THE
MURDERER WAS
A MUTANT
WOMAN WHO
SUDDENLY WENT
BERSERK. HUH?

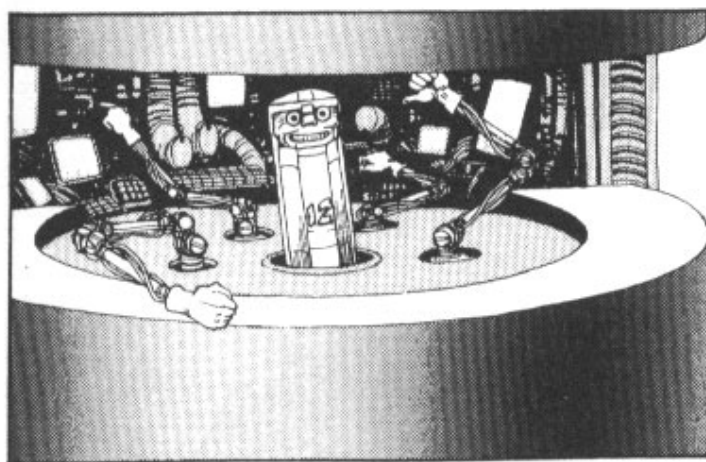
CONSIDERING
THE LOOKS OF
HER, I CAN
SORT OF
UNDERSTAND
WHY SHE
WOULD ONLY
GO AFTER
WOMEN.



YOU REALLY
WENT THE
DISTANCE
FOR THIS
ONE, EH,
IDC?



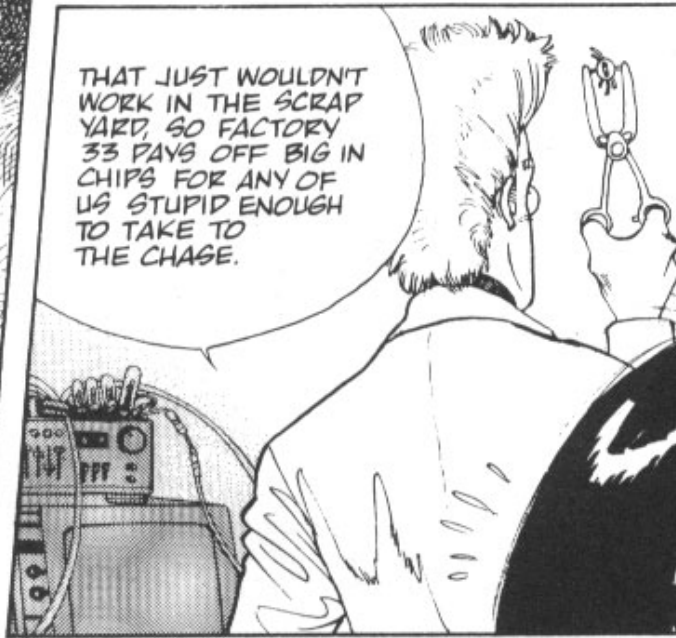
SHE'S
WORTH
A FULL
HUNDRED-
THOUSAND
CHIPS,
THOUGH.



YOU STILL
NEED FEMALE
BODY PARTS?
GOT A
NICE NEW
SHIPMENT...



IN THE OLD DAYS, BEFORE THE FACTORIES TOOK OVER, THERE WAS SOMETHING CALLED A POLICE FORCE THAT DEALT WITH CRIMINALS.



THAT JUST WOULDN'T WORK IN THE SCRAP YARD, SO FACTORY 33 PAYS OFF BIG IN CHIPS FOR ANY OF US STUPID ENOUGH TO TAKE TO THE CHASE.

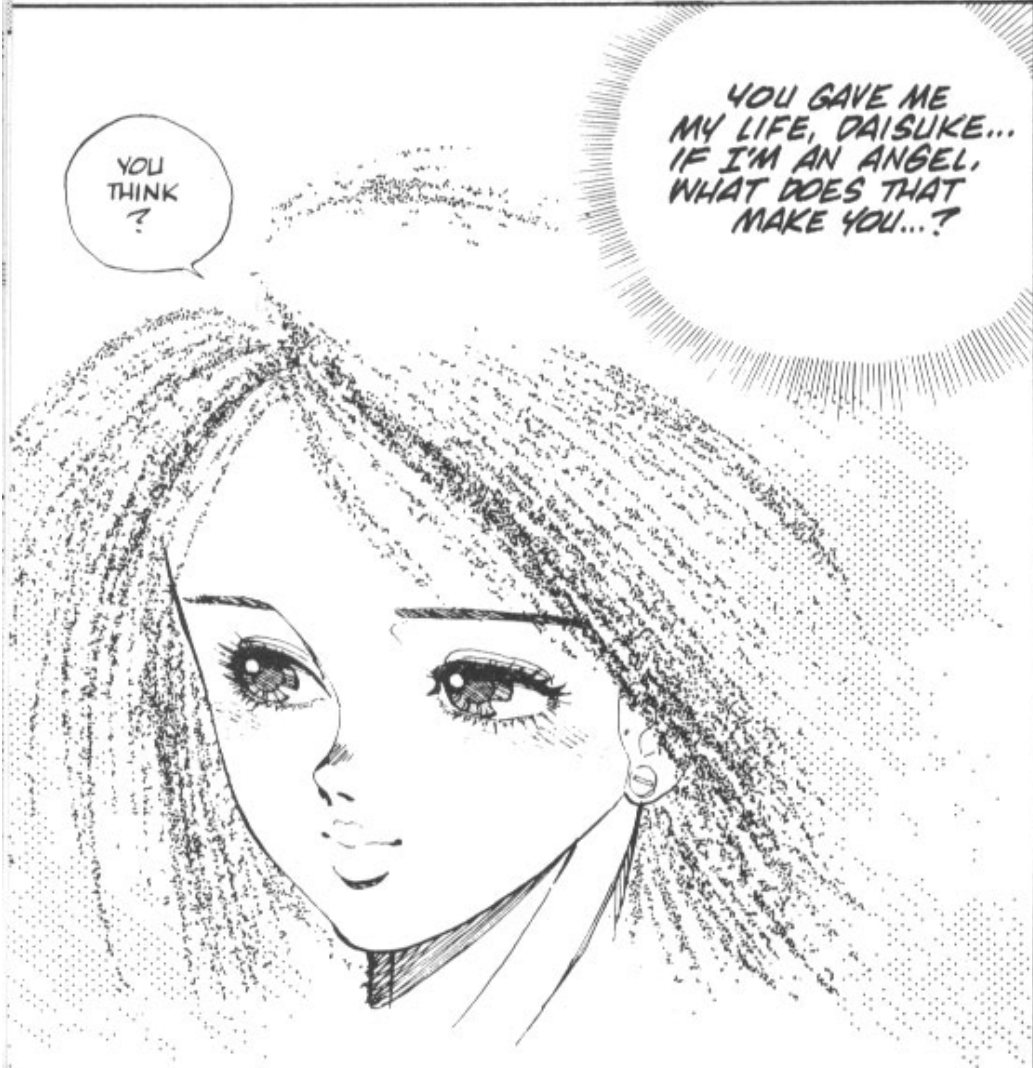


SORRY I JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS, DAISUKE...



SORRY?! I WAS TRYING TO HELP YOU, AND YOU ENDED UP SAVING MY LIFE!

THANK YOU, ALITA. YOU'RE AN ANGEL.



YOU THINK?

YOU GAVE ME MY LIFE, DAISUKE... IF I'M AN ANGEL, WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU...?



NO MORE STUNTS, THOUGH-- YOU HEAR ?!

YOUR BODY STILL NEEDS A LOT OF WORK...

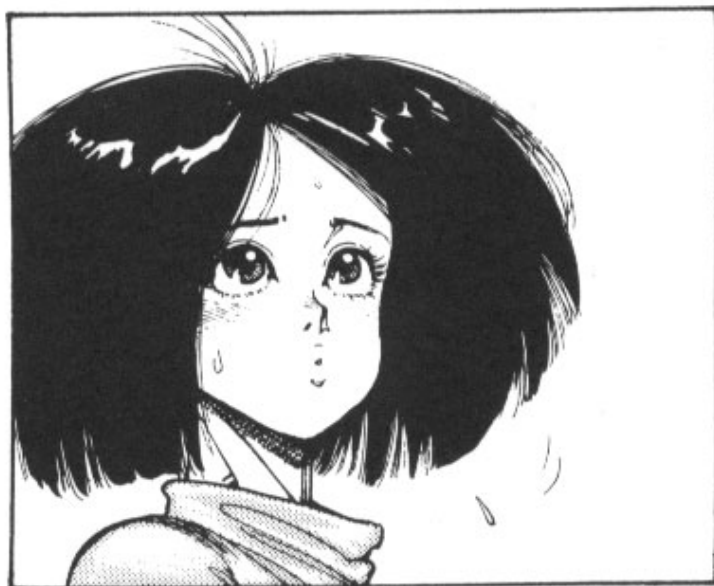
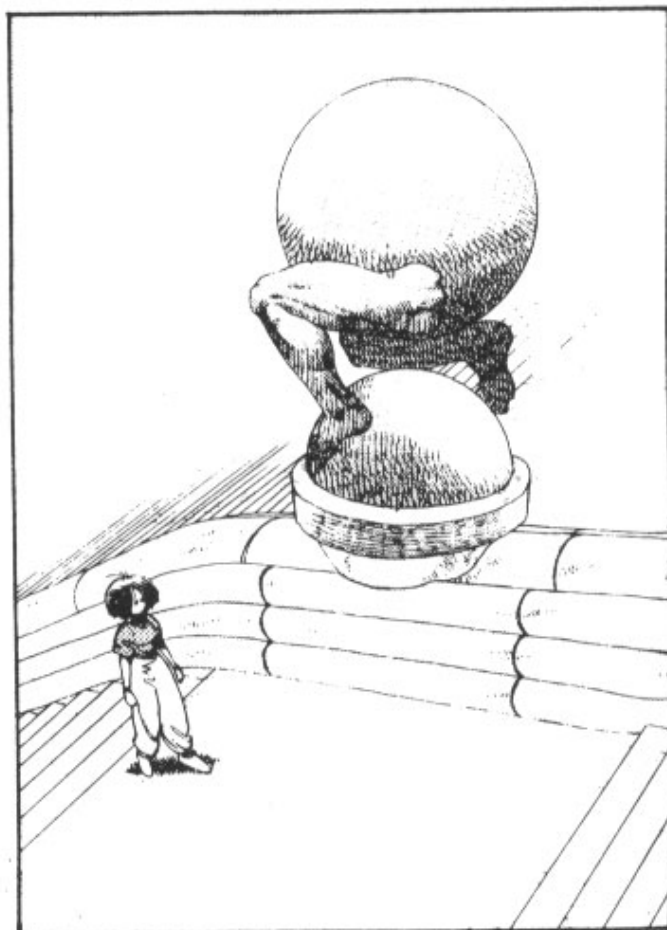
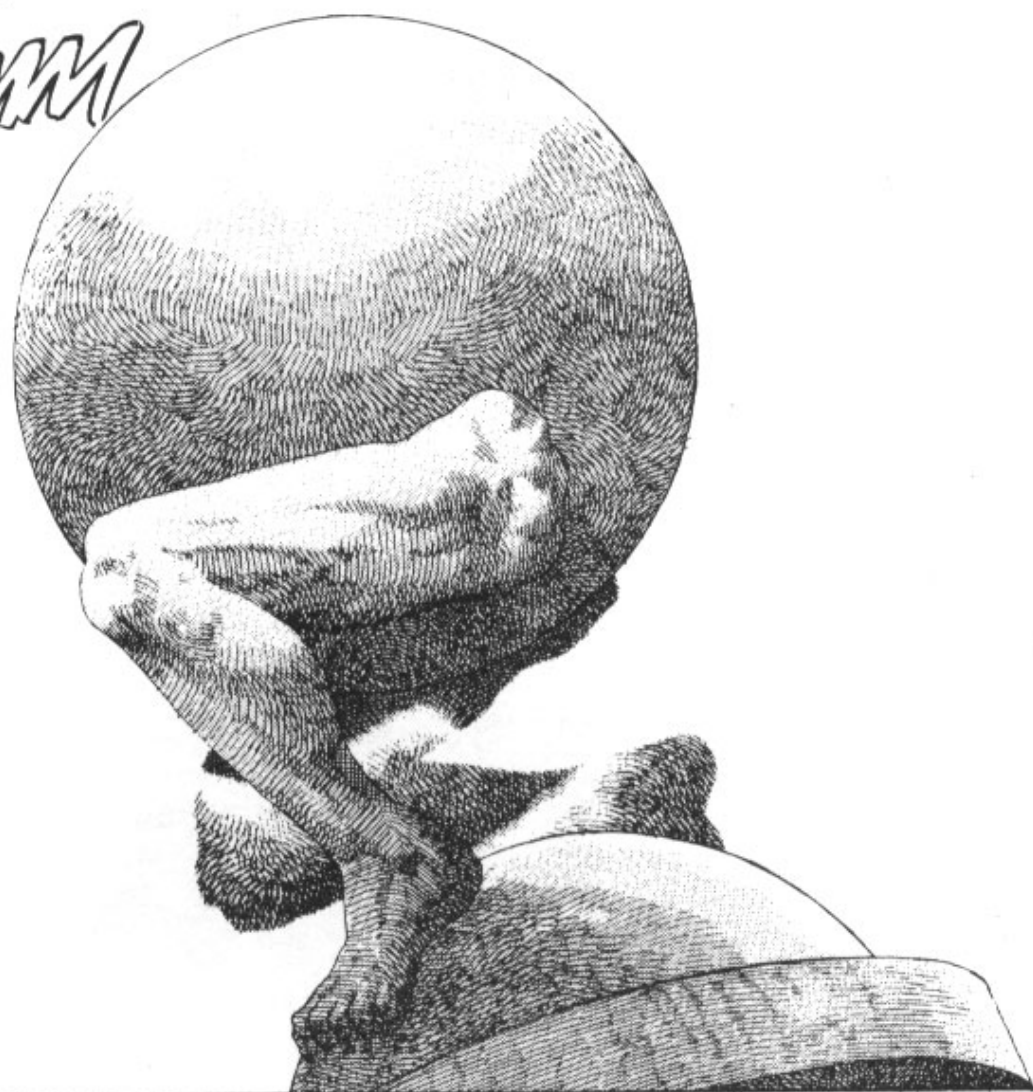
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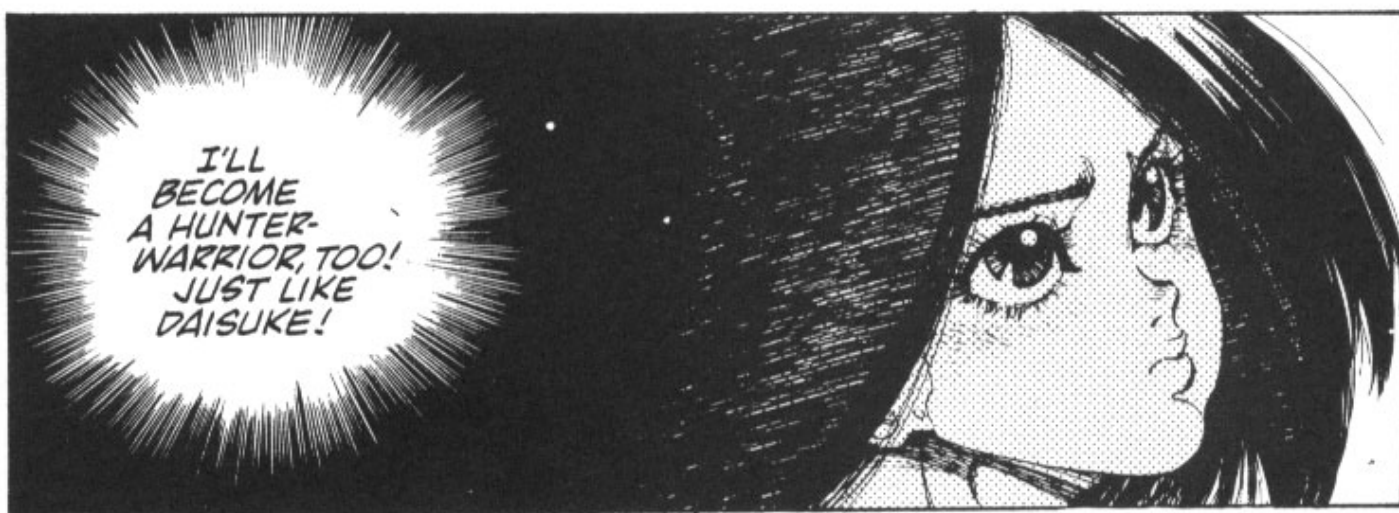
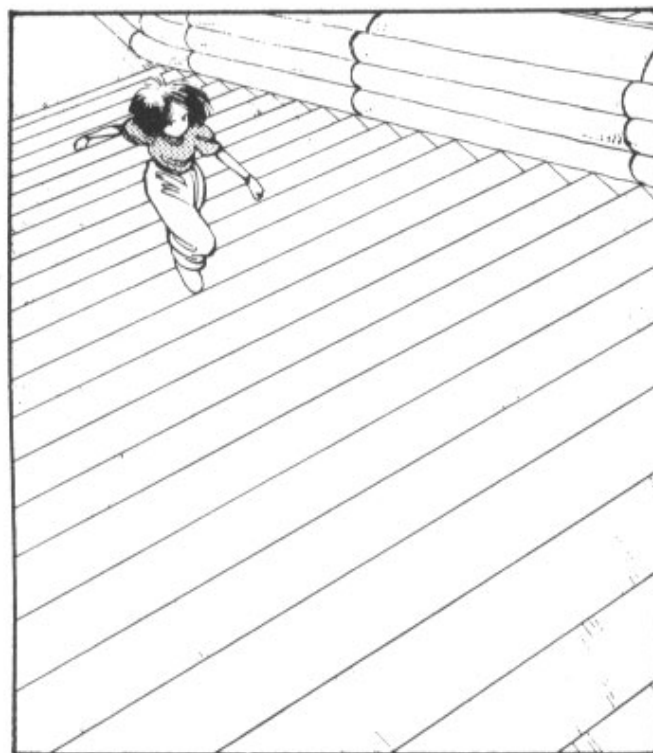
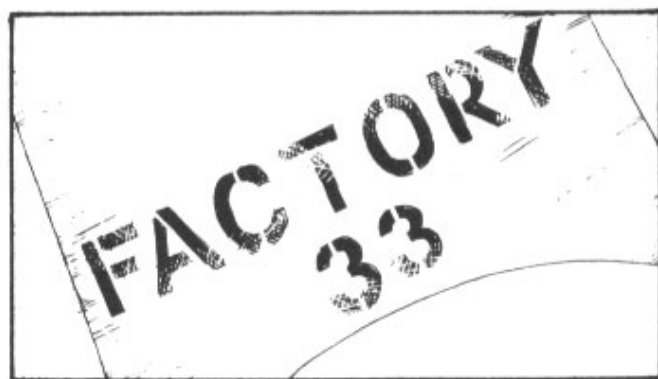
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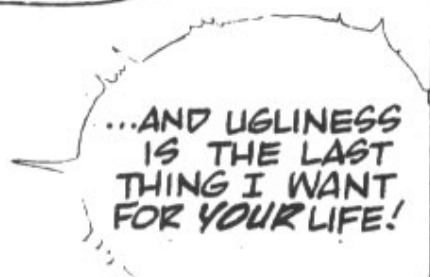
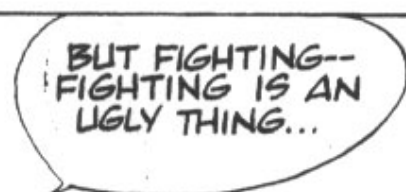
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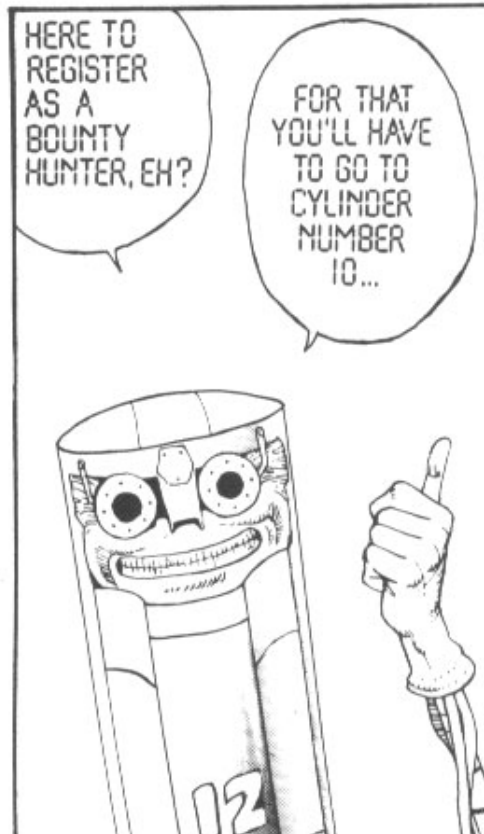
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RUMB
THERRUMM

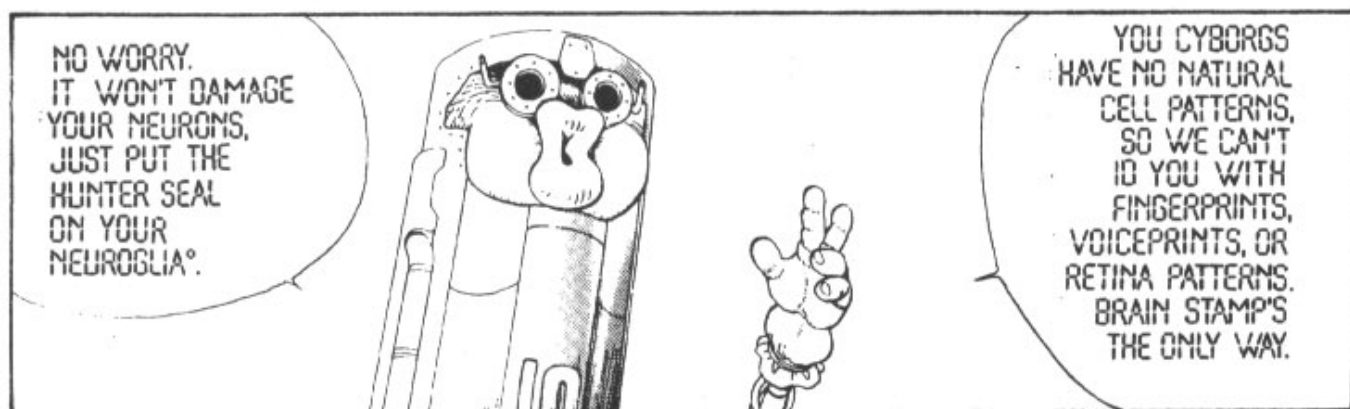
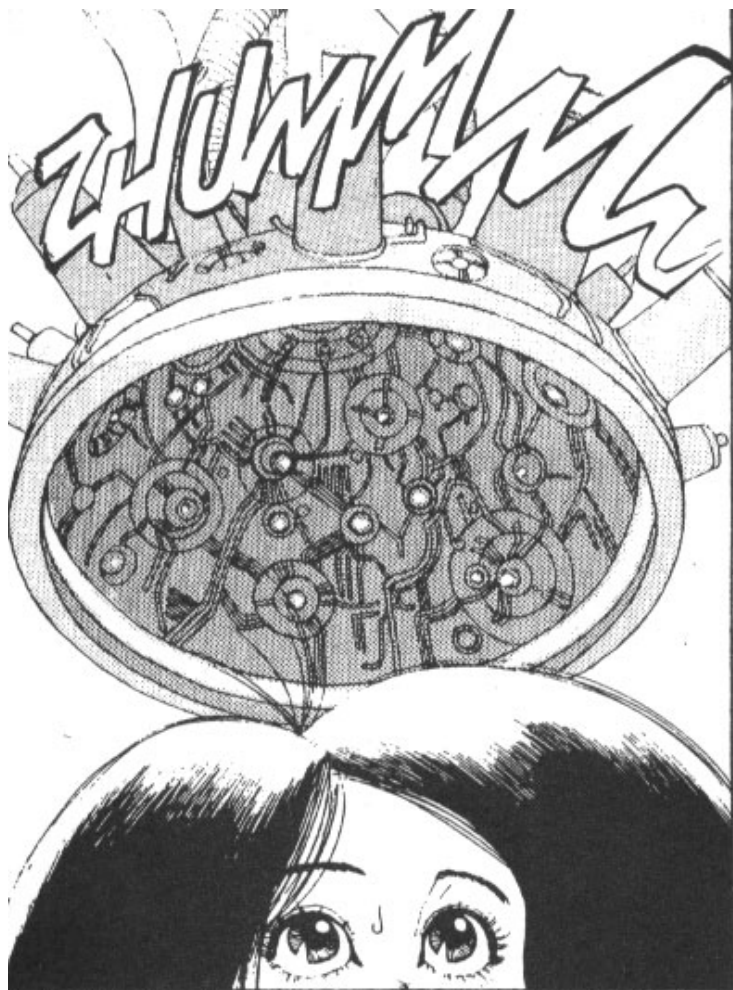




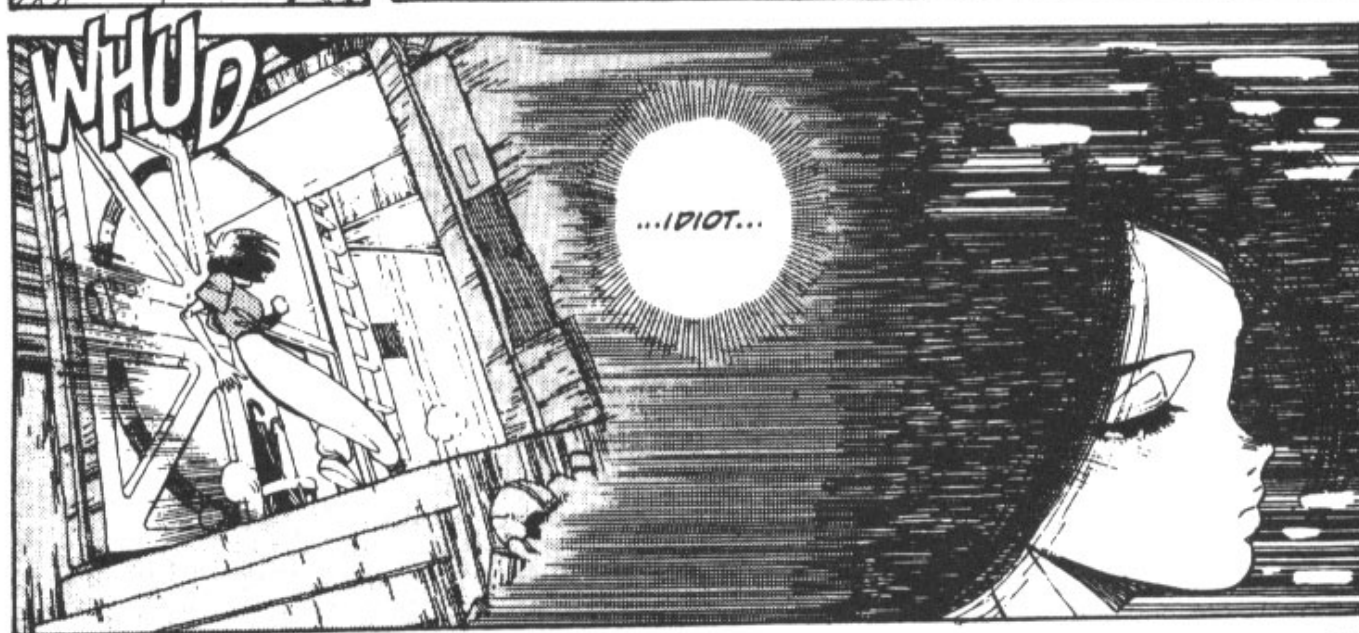
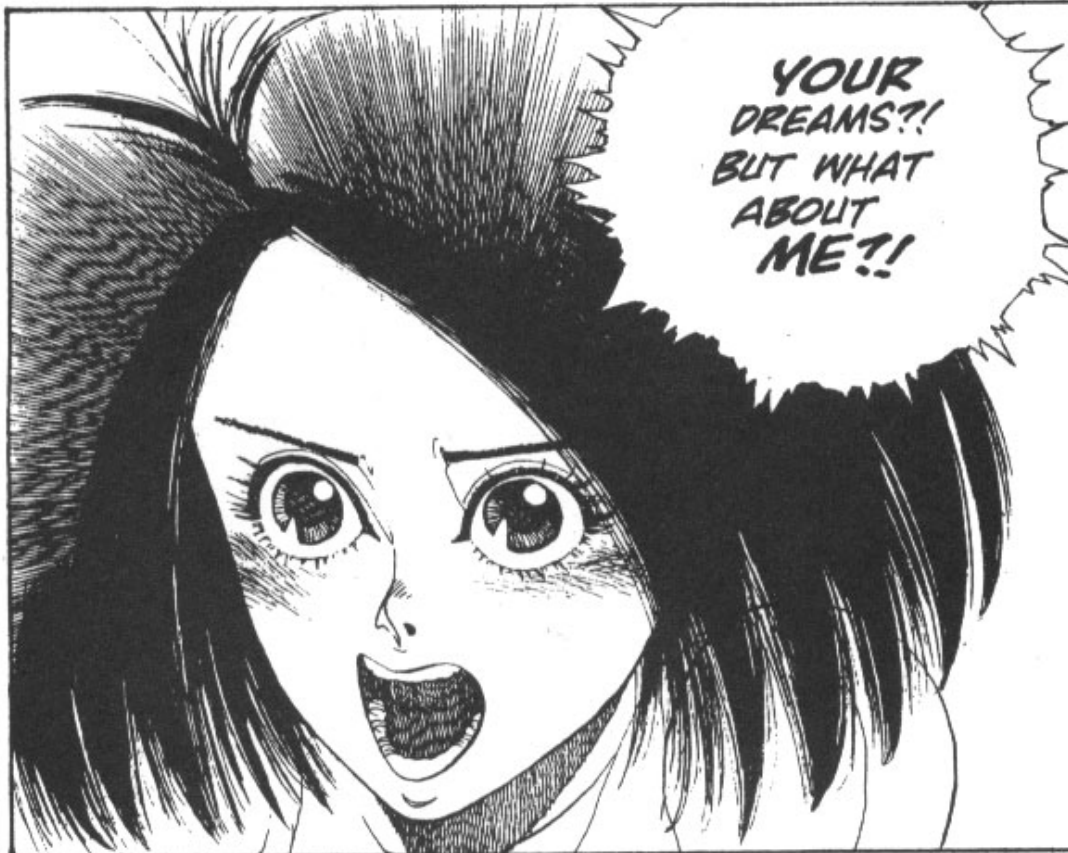
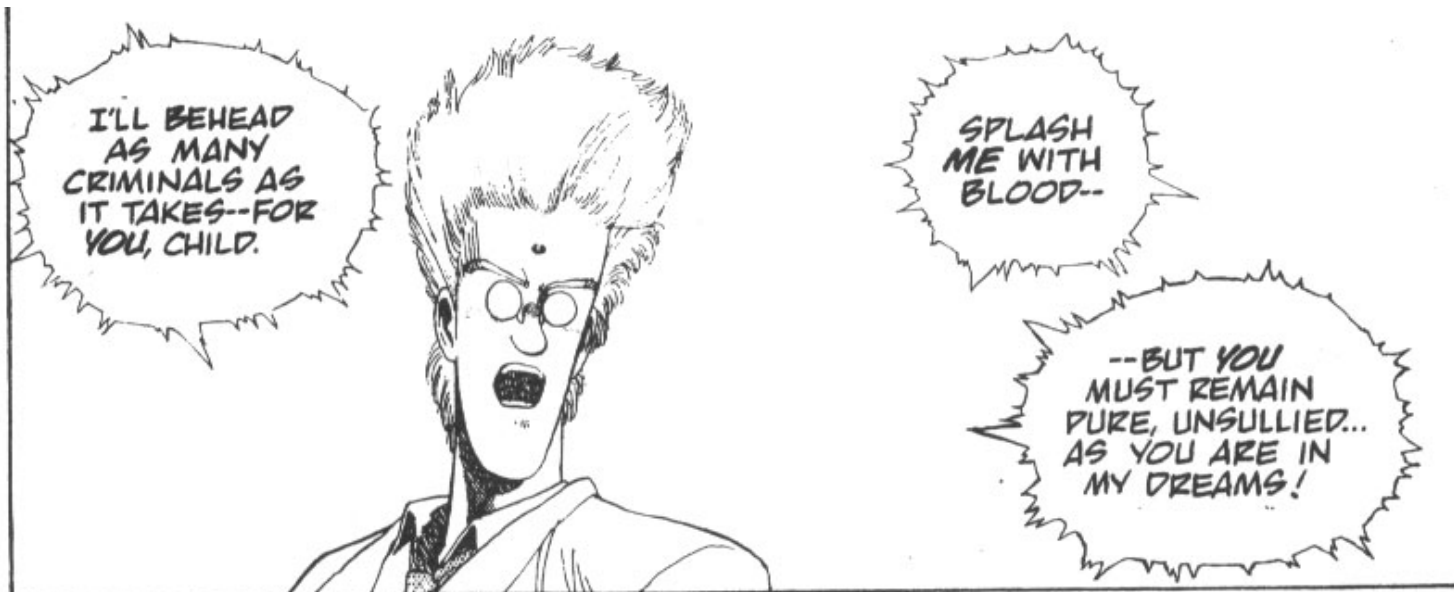


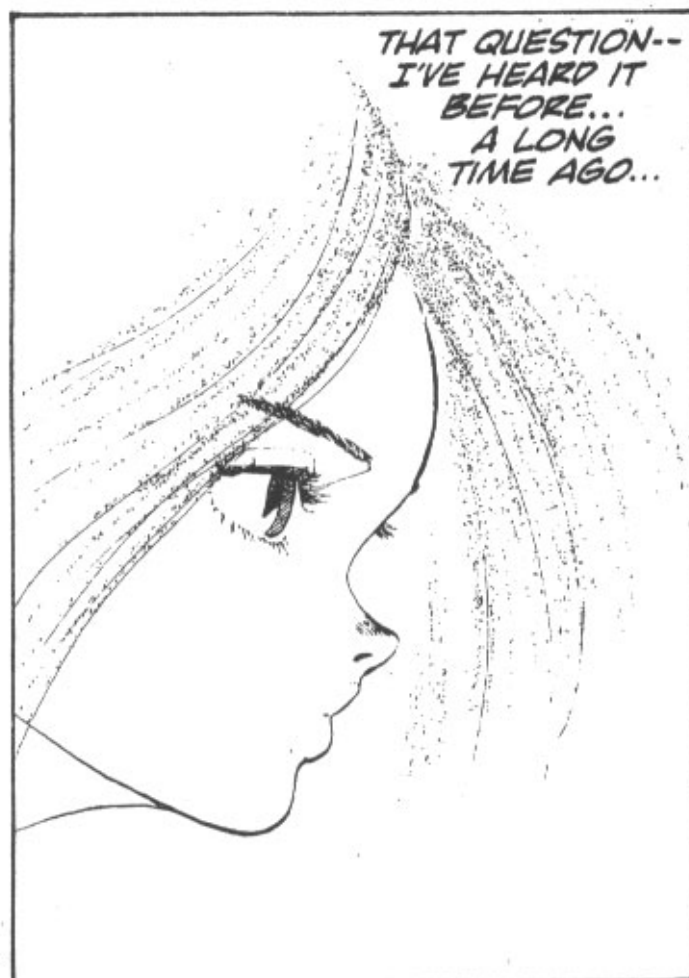
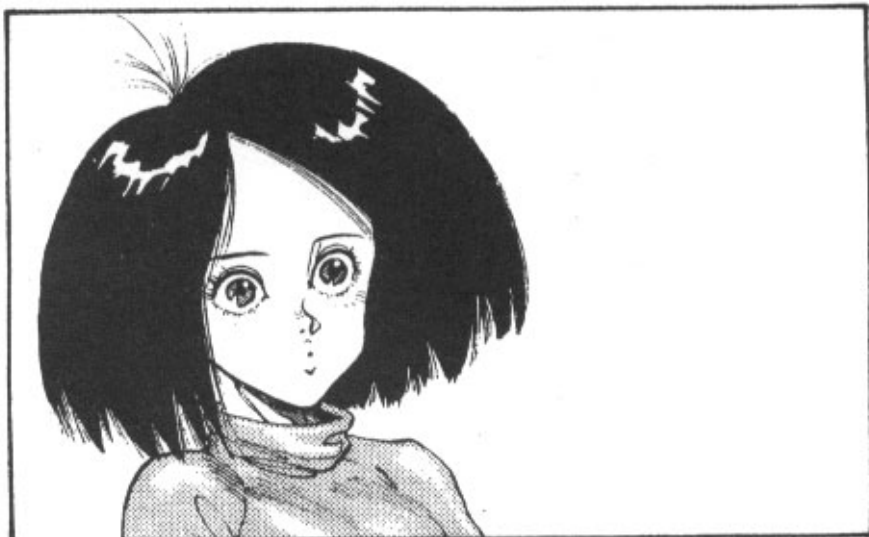
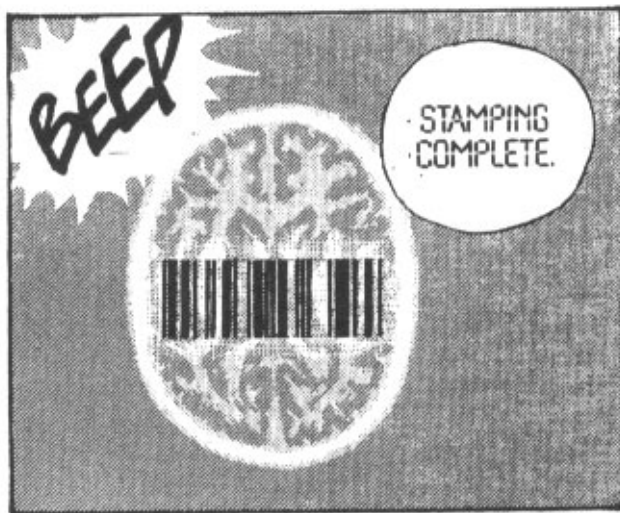
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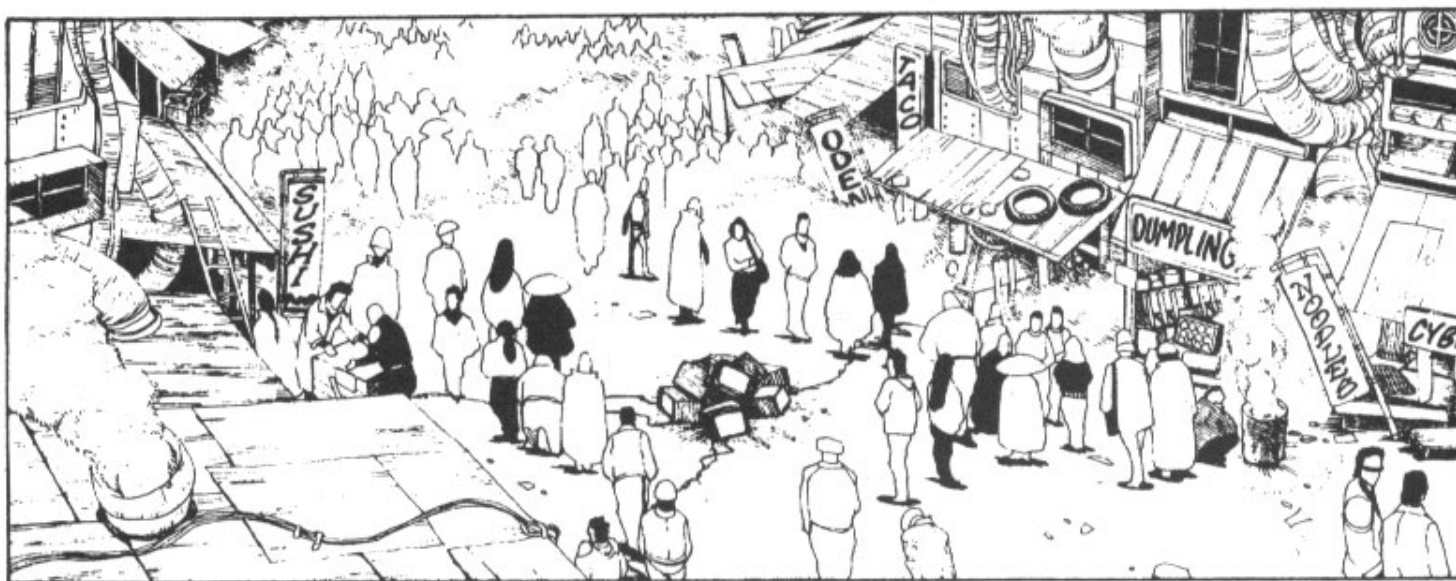


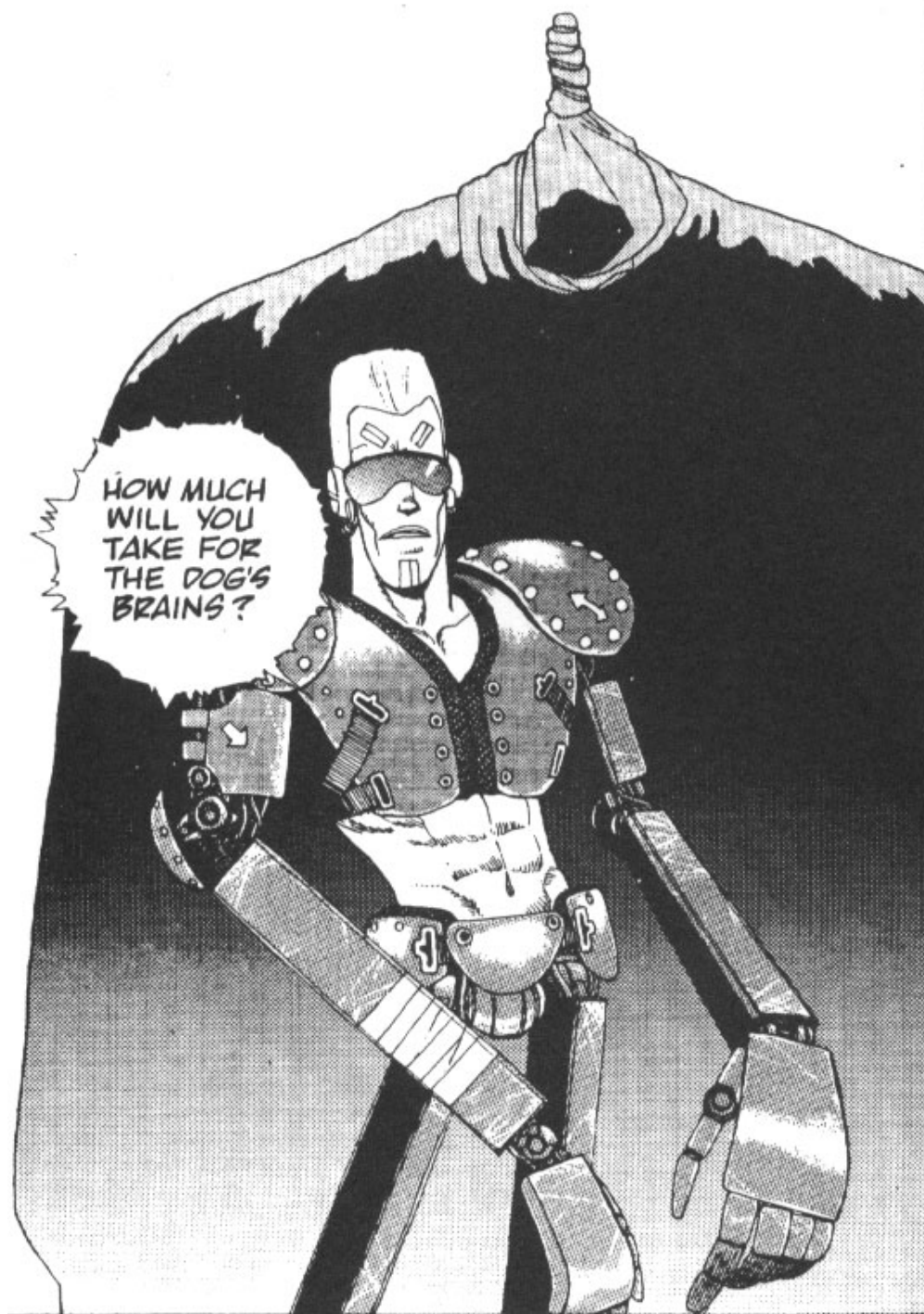


*NEUROGLIA: OF THE TWO TYPES OF CELLS THAT MAKE UP THE BRAIN, NEURONS OCCUPY A MERE 2.85% OF THE VOLUME, WITH THE GREATER PART BEING FILLED UP BY THE GLUE-LIKE NEUROGLIA.









HOW MUCH
WILL YOU
TAKE FOR
THE DOG'S
BRAINS?



HIS
WHAT
!?

POOH HERE'S
MY ONLY
FAMILY! WHY...



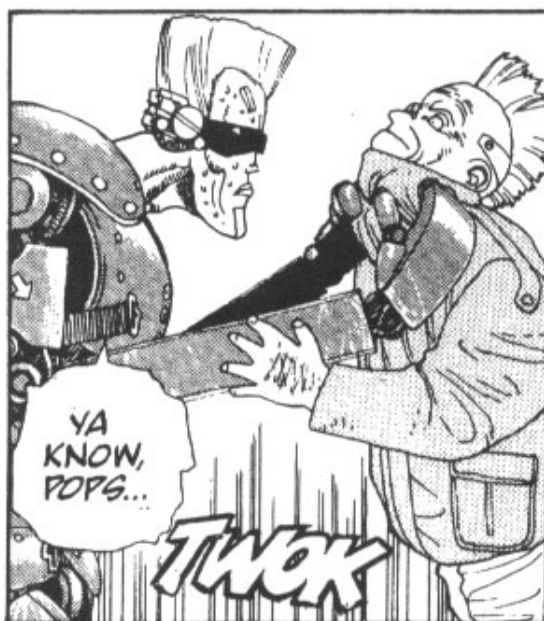
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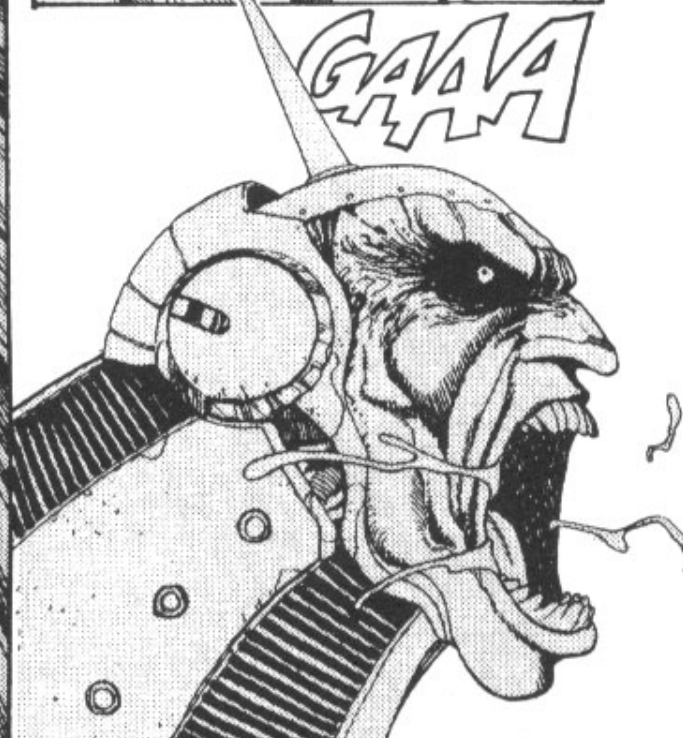
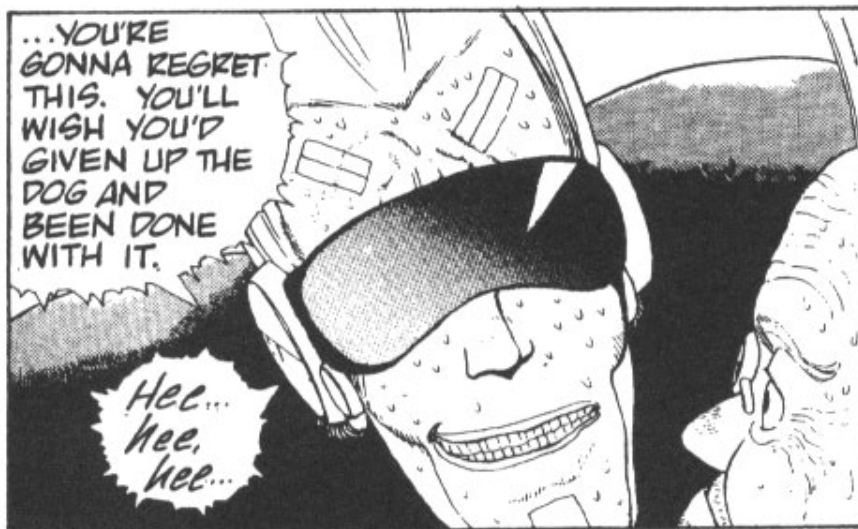


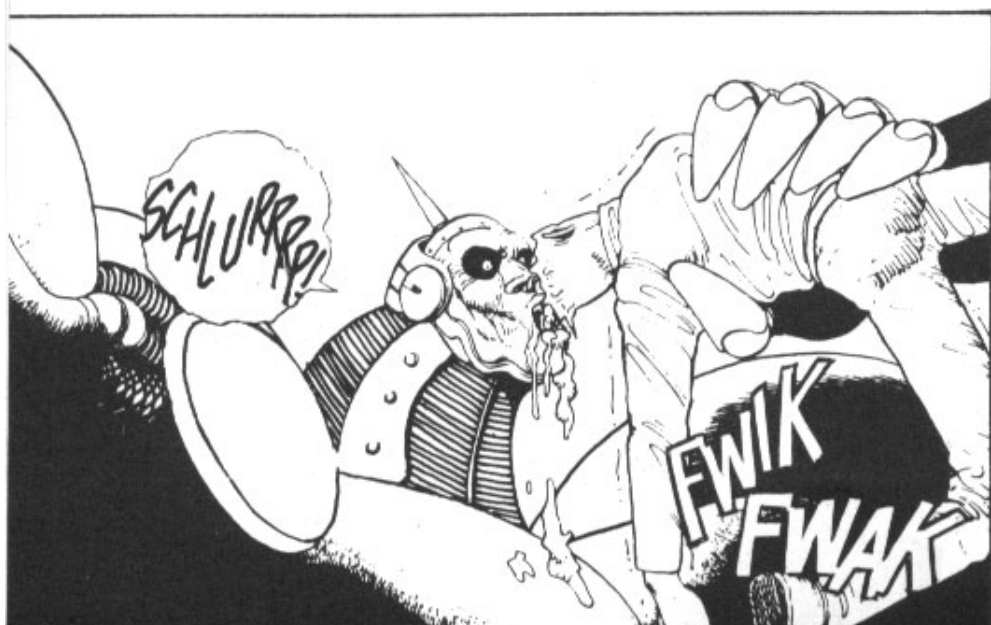
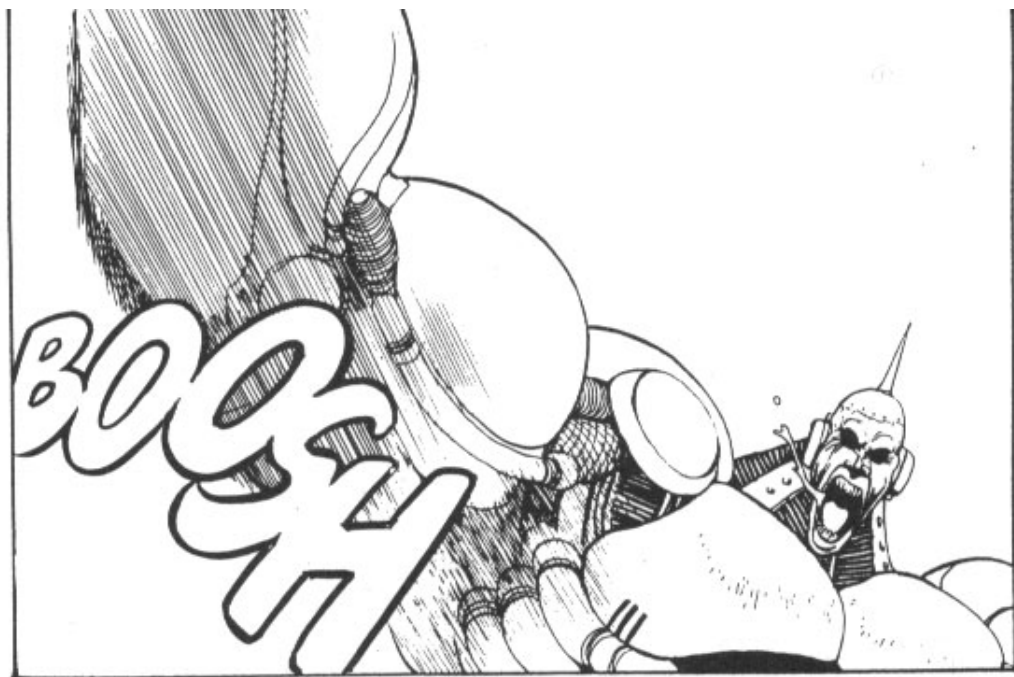
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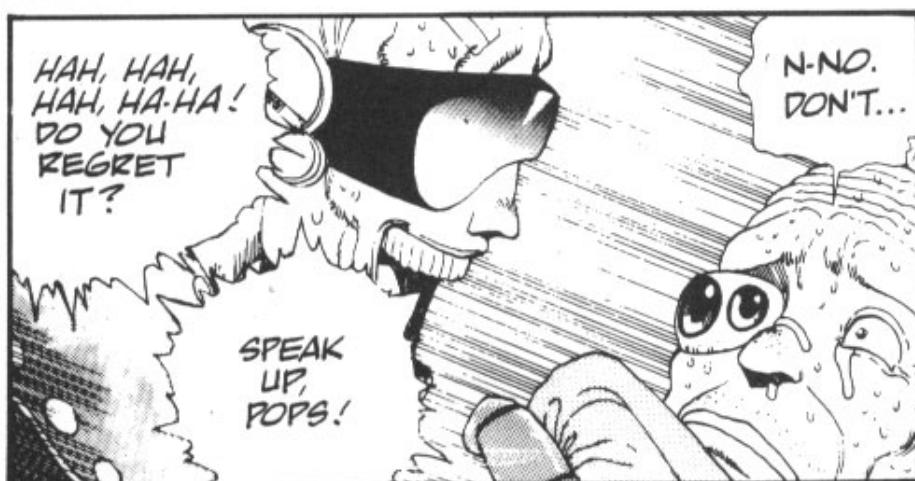


YA
KNOW,
POPS...

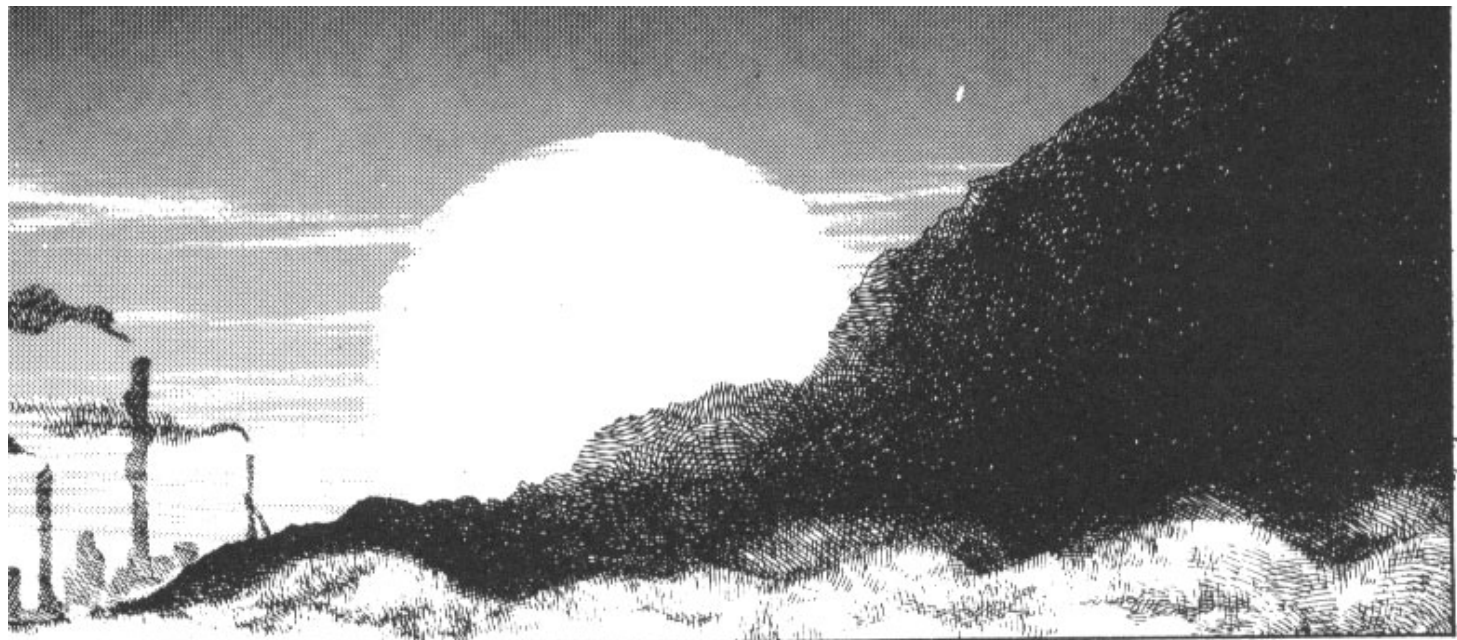
TWOK







*ENDORPHIN: A NARCOTIC SUBSTANCE PRODUCED IN THE BRAIN. ENDORPHIN MEANS LITERALLY "MORPHINE MADE INSIDE THE BODY." BETA ENDORPHINS HAVE A PAIN-RELIEVING EFFECT 65 TIMES THAT OF MORPHINE.





YOU'RE
RIGHT, ALITA--
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

Ha Ha Ha

HOW
ARROGANT
TO DREAM OF
CONTROLLING
YOUR LIFE--
OR
ANYONE'S
?



YOUR
LIFE IS
YOUR
OWN...



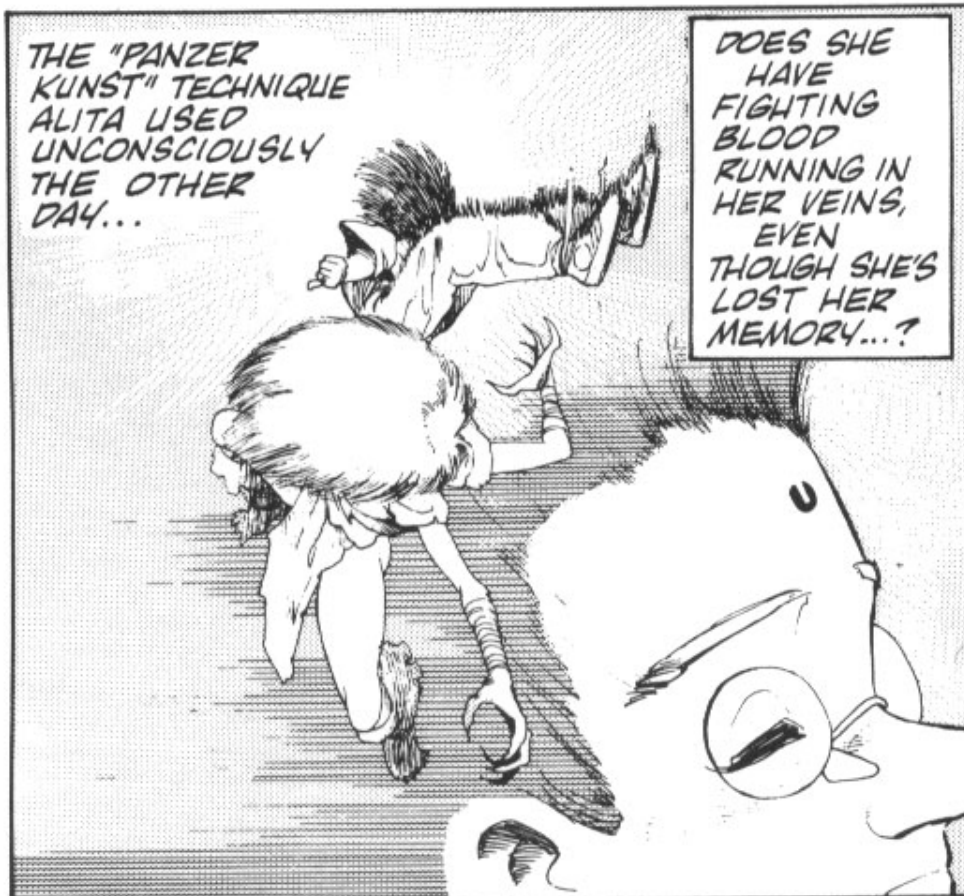
PLUNK

THE "PANZER
KUNST" TECHNIQUE
ALITA USED
UNCONSCIOUSLY
THE OTHER
DAY...



BUT...
WHY...

...OF ALL
THINGS,
WHY A
HUNTER...?



DOES SHE
HAVE
FIGHTING
BLOOD
RUNNING IN
HER VEINS,
EVEN
THOUGH SHE'S
LOST HER
MEMORY...?

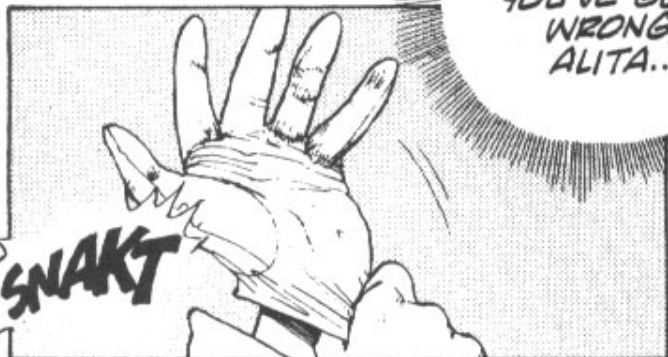


I
GUESS
IT'S...

...DESTINY...



BUT THERE'S
ONE THING
YOU'VE GOT
WRONG,
ALITA...



SNACKT

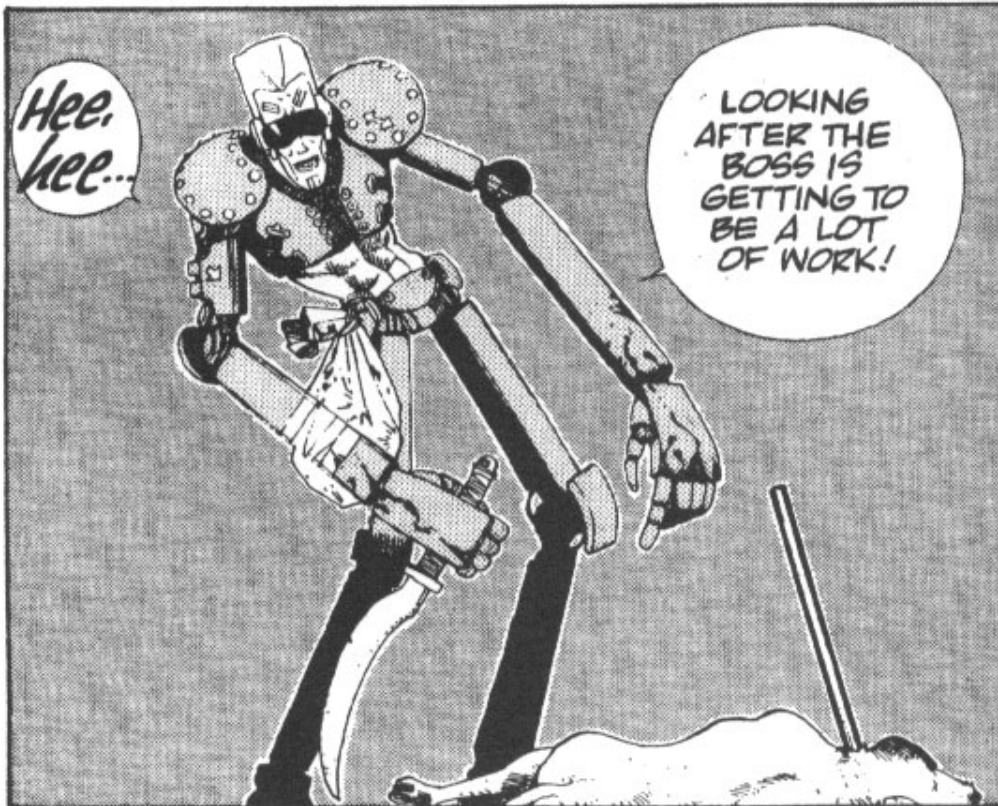


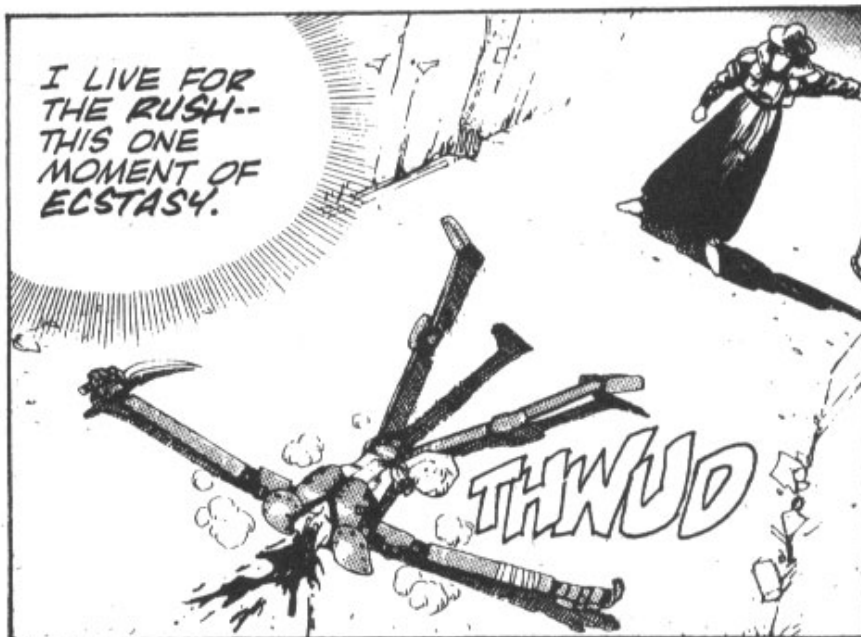
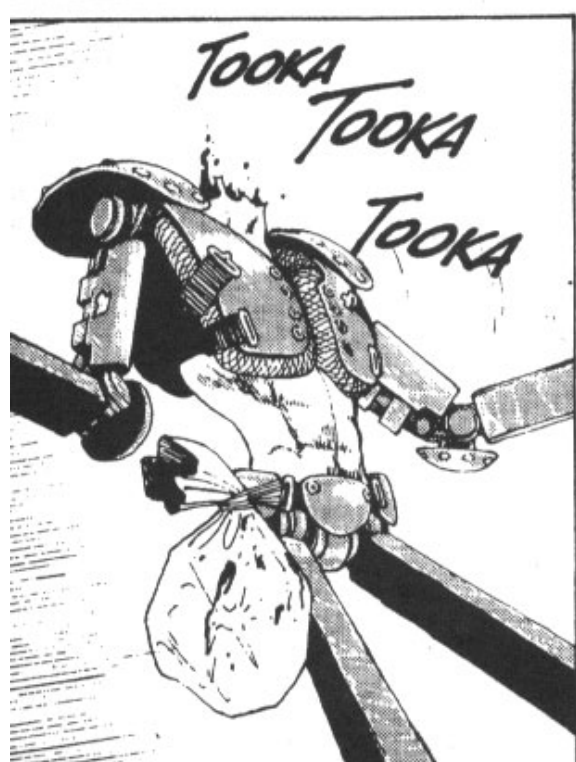
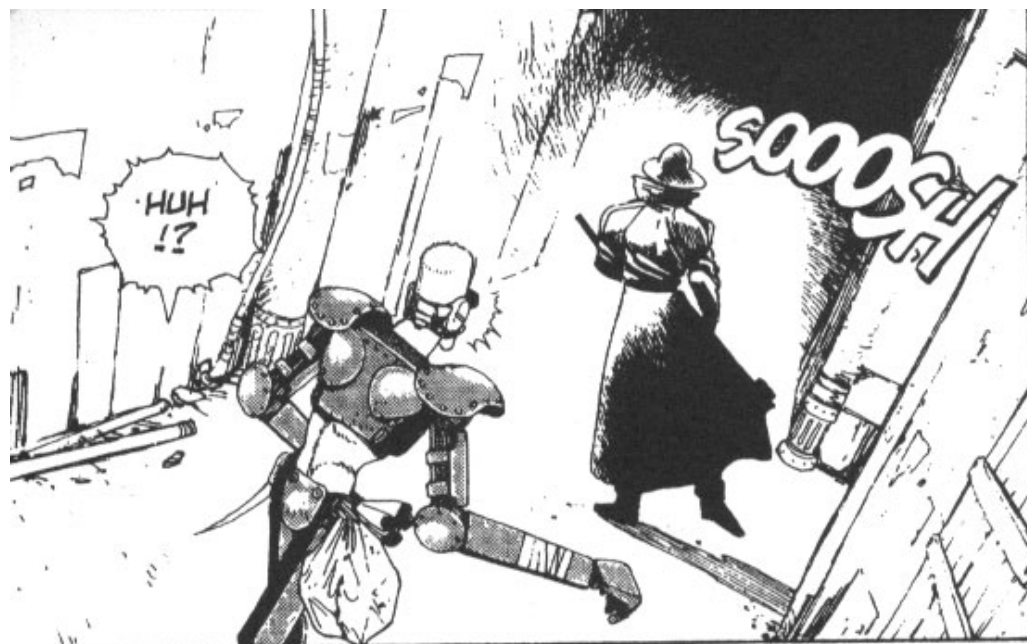
YOU ARE
NOT THE ONLY
REASON
WHY I LIVE
ON AS...



...A
HUNTER-
WARRIOR...

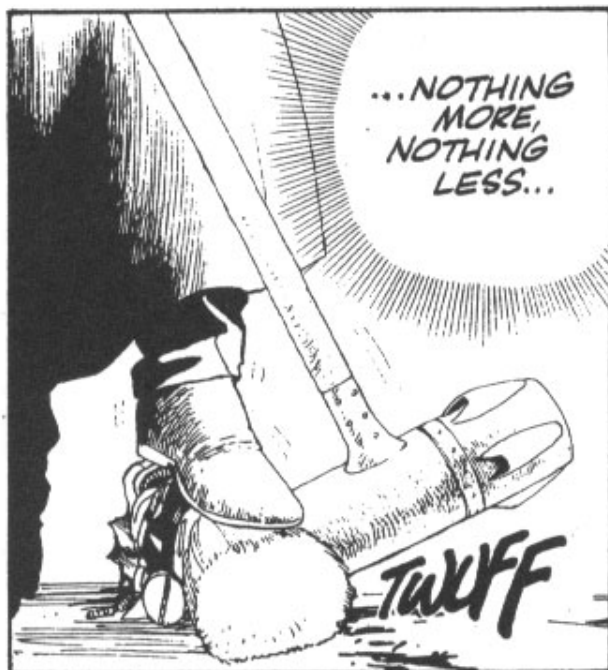
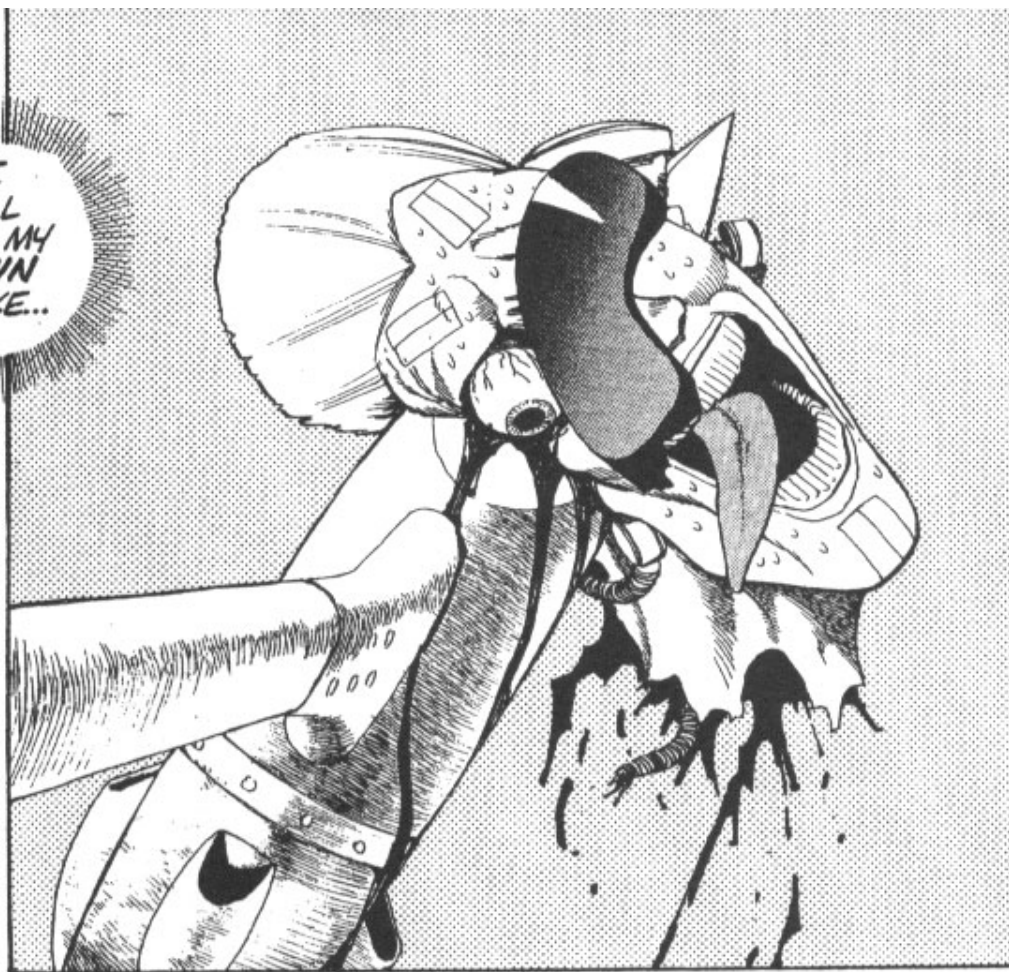








I
KILL
FOR MY
OWN
SAKE...

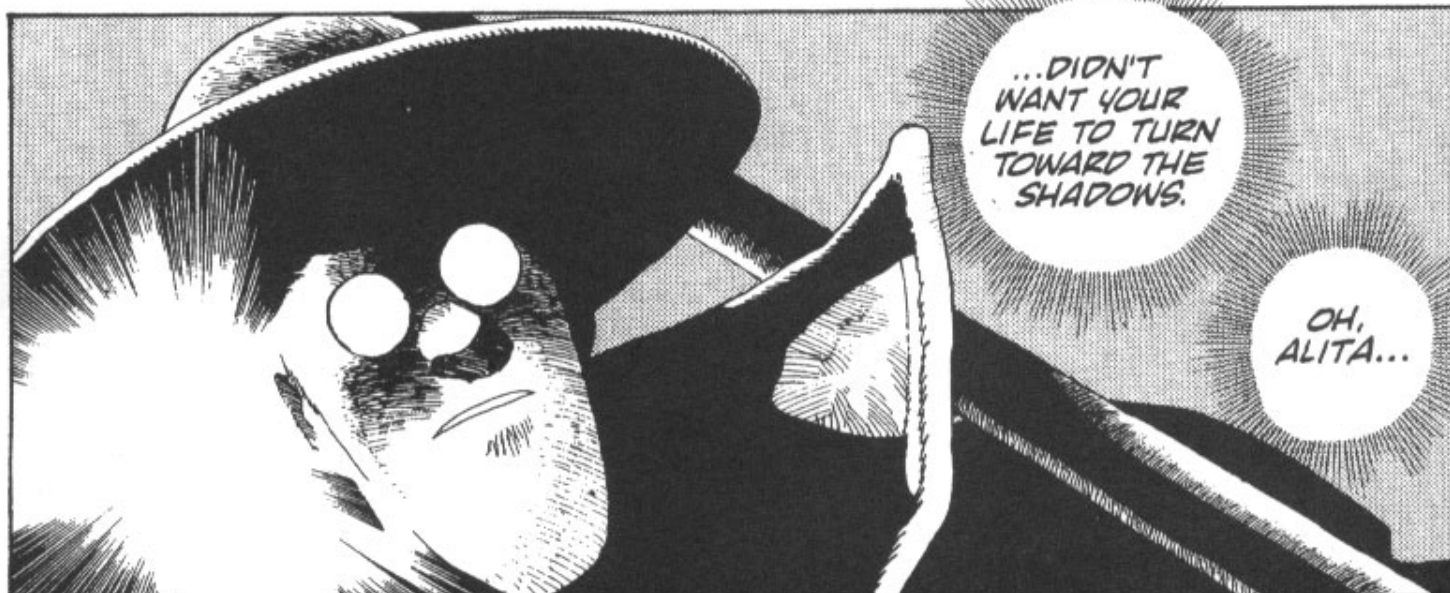


...NOTHING
MORE,
NOTHING
LESS...

TWUFF



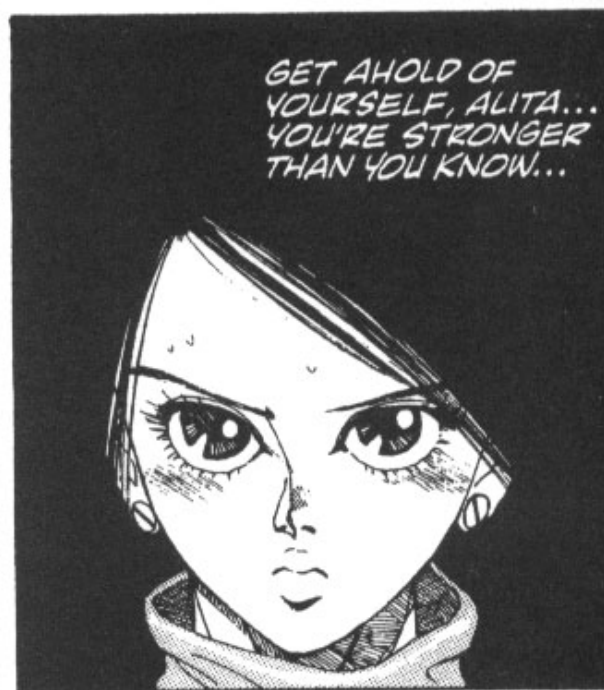
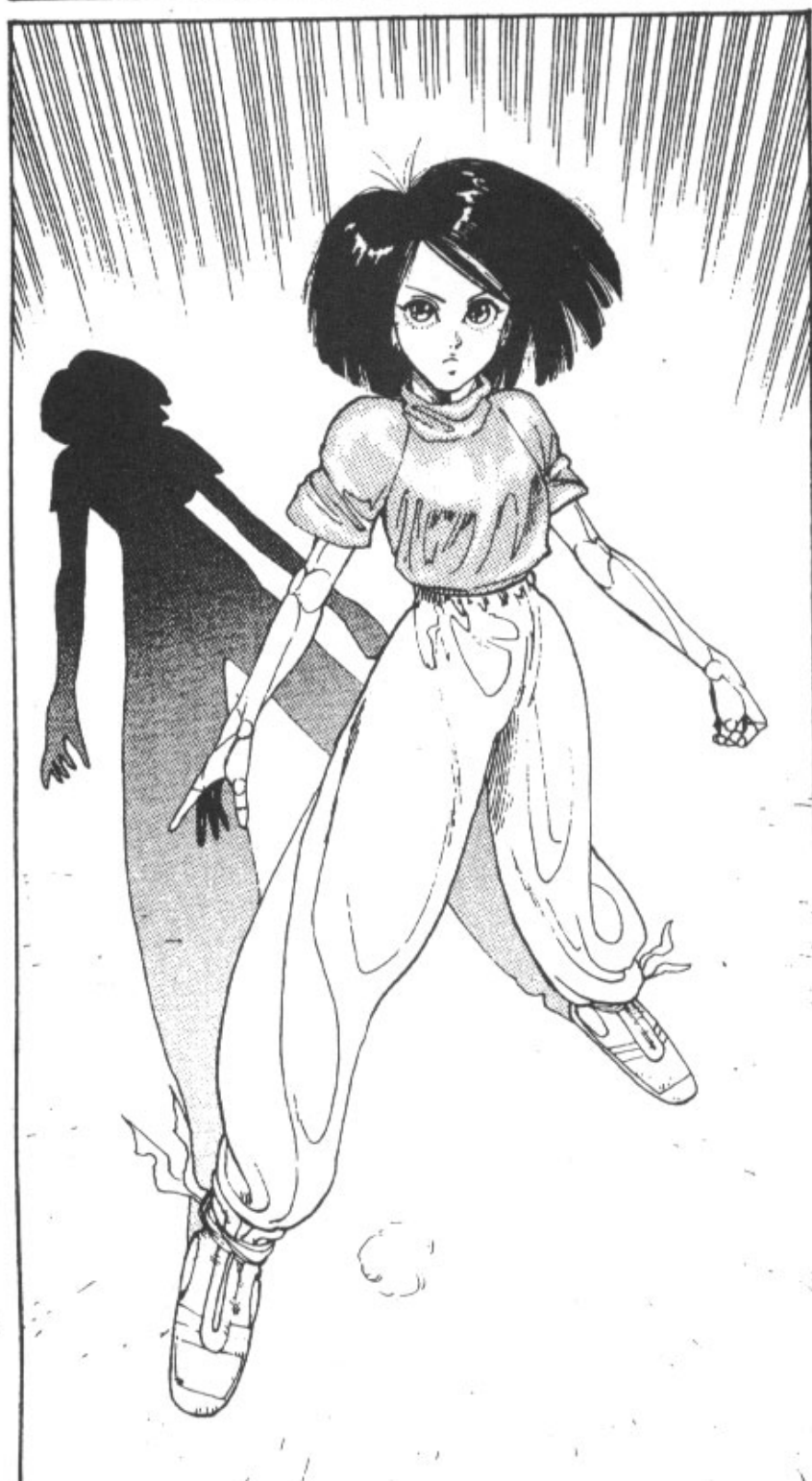
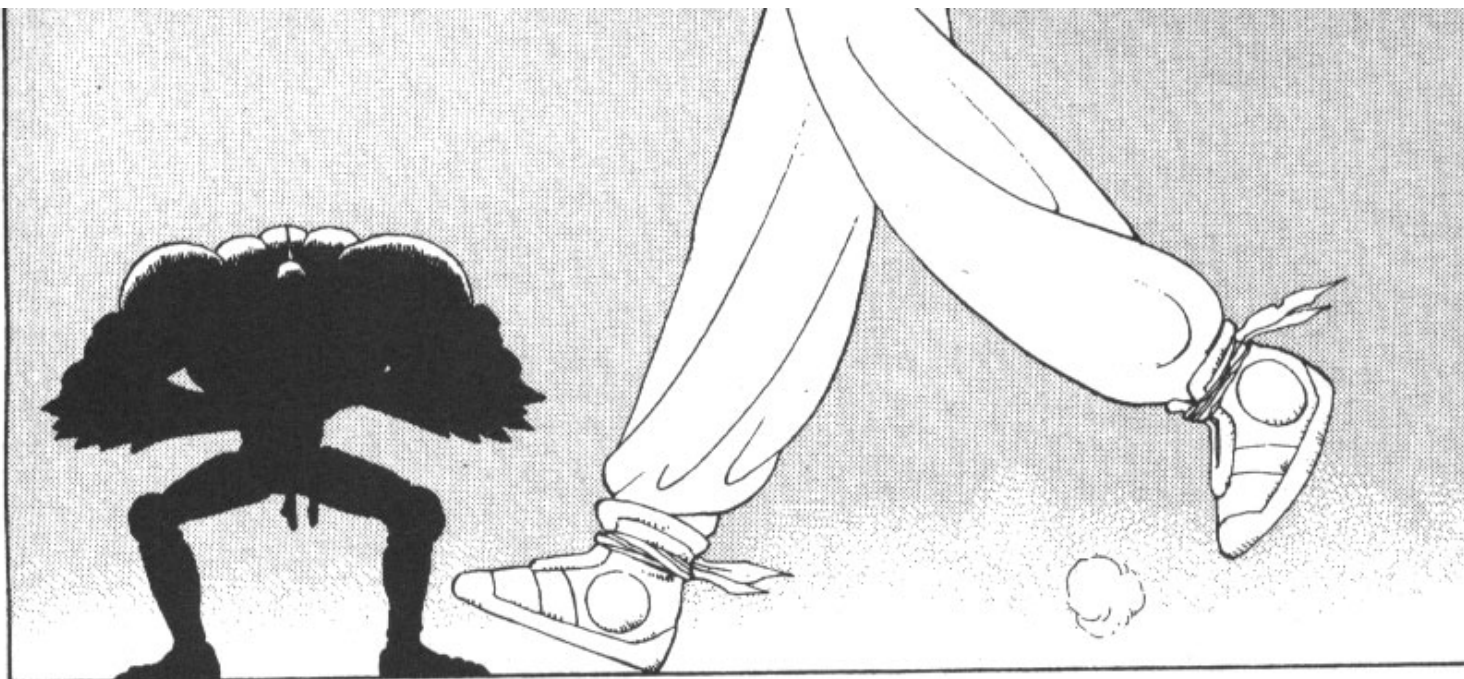
I DIDN'T
WANT YOU
TO SEE
THIS SIDE
OF ME...

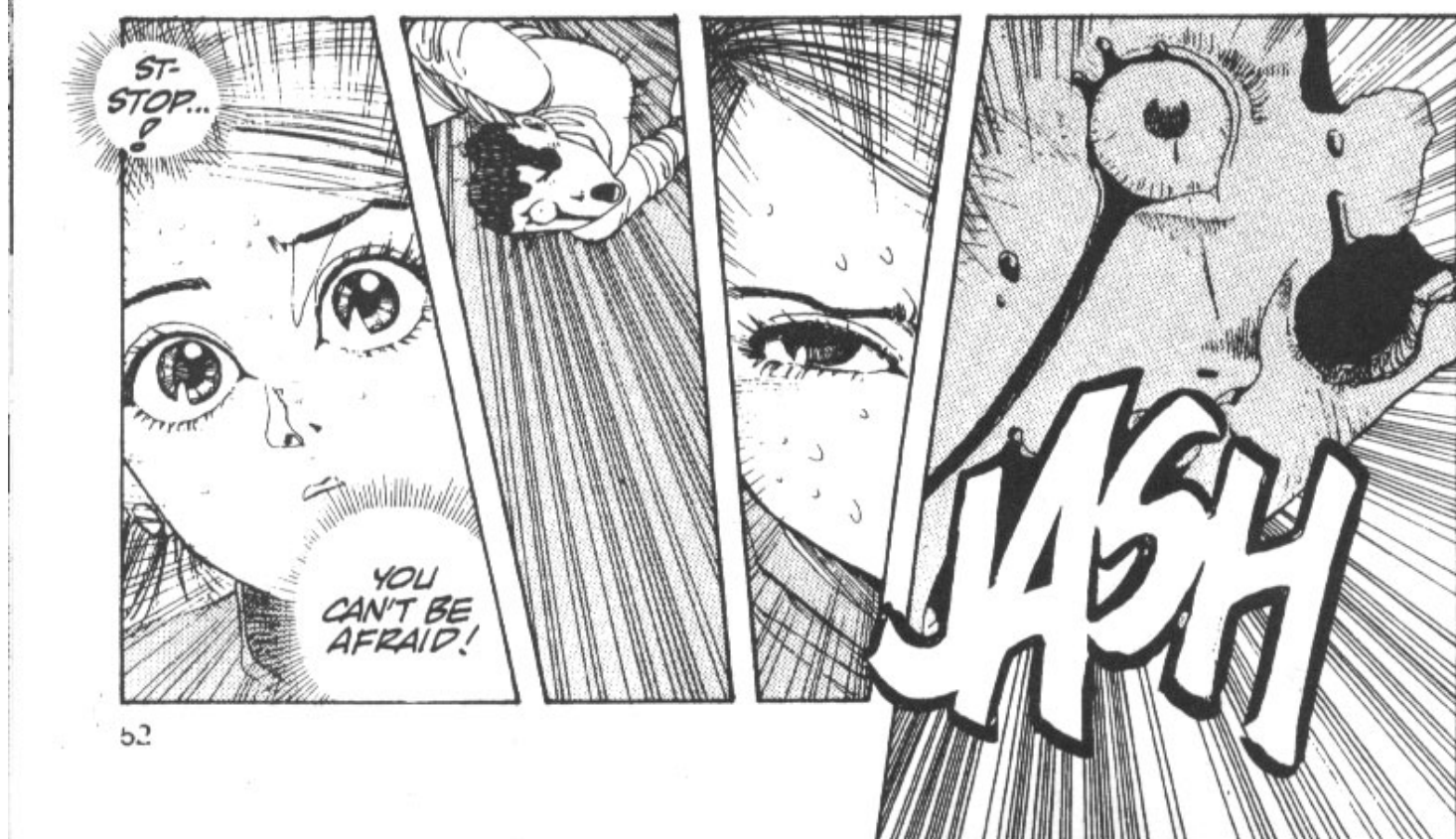


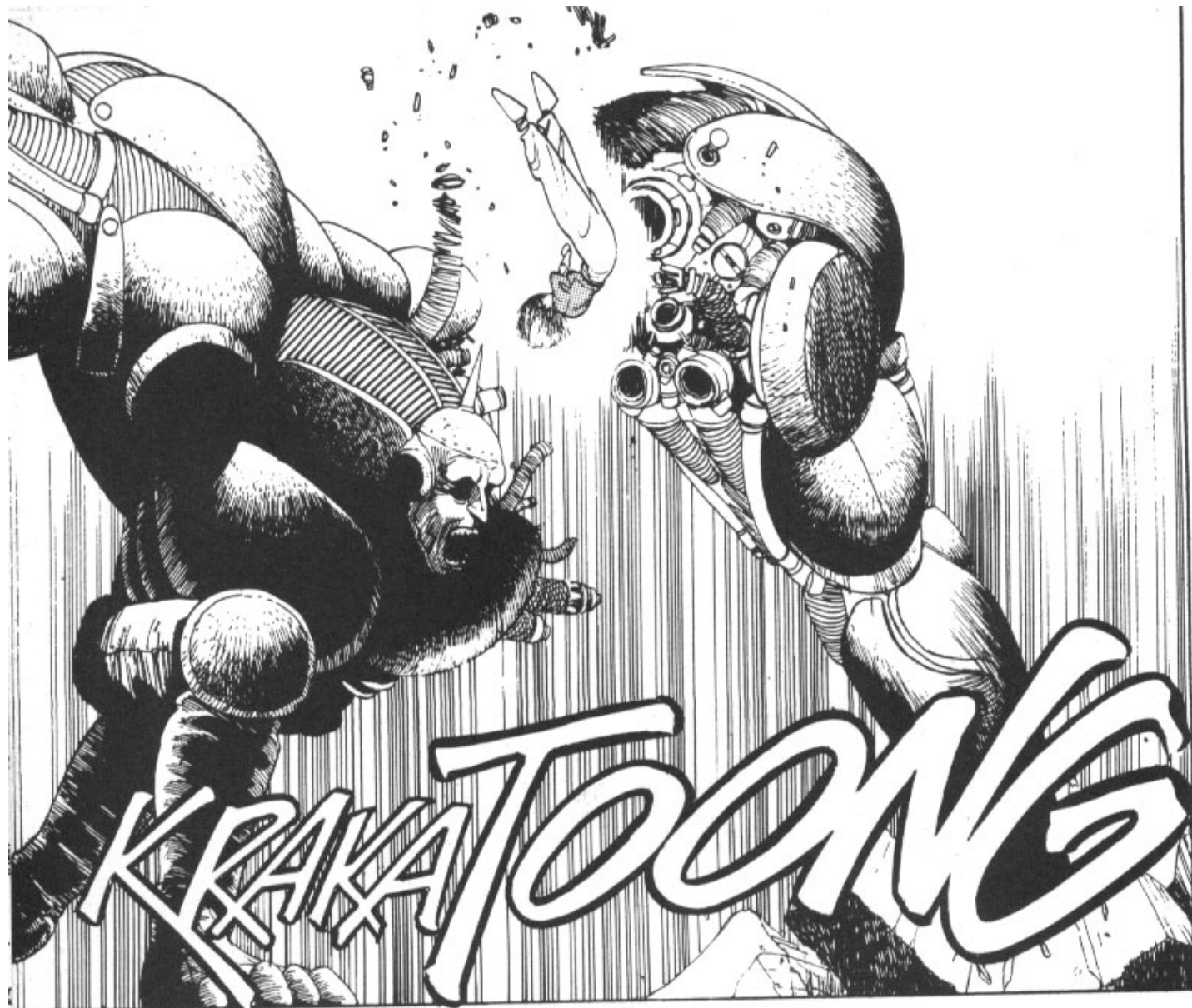
...DIDN'T
WANT YOUR
LIFE TO TURN
TOWARD THE
SHADOWS.

OH,
ALITA...









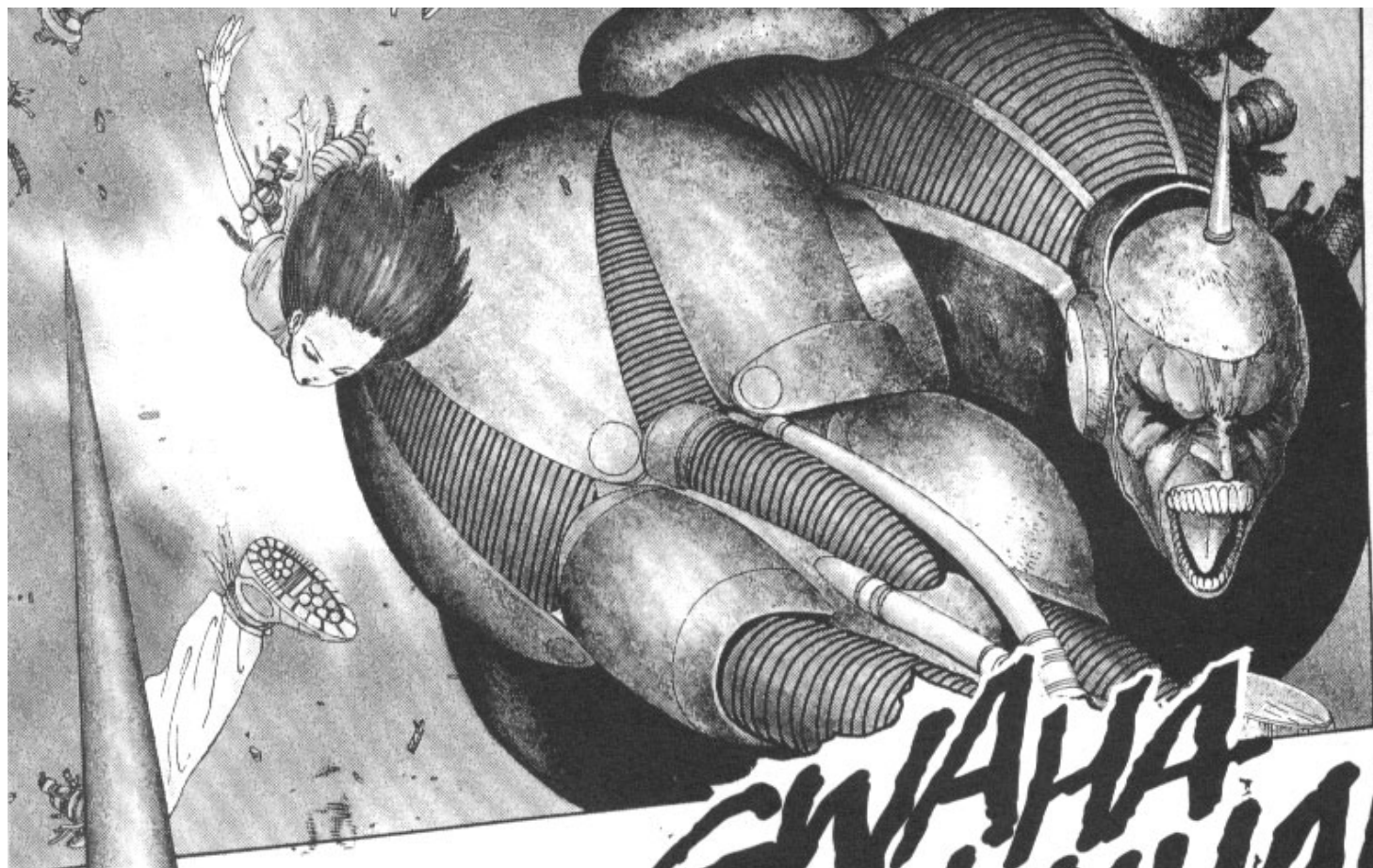


TORN ASUNDER

Battle 3: Values



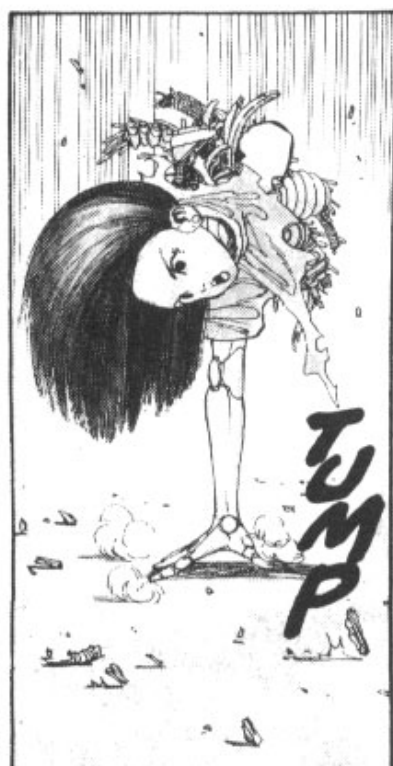
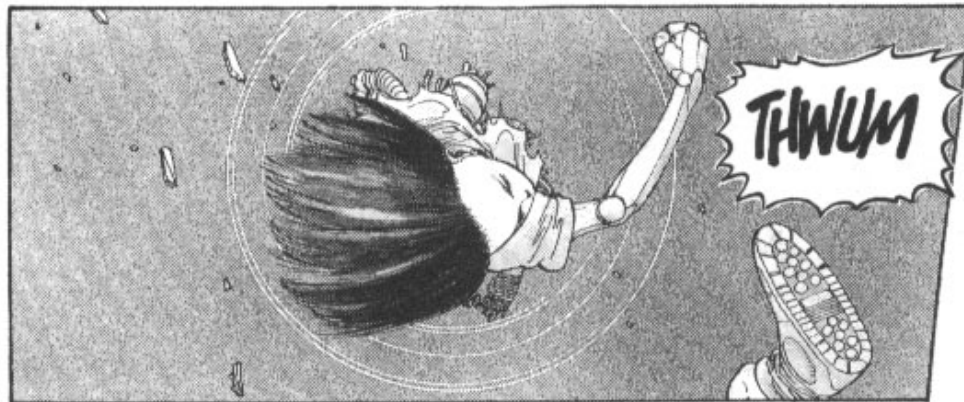
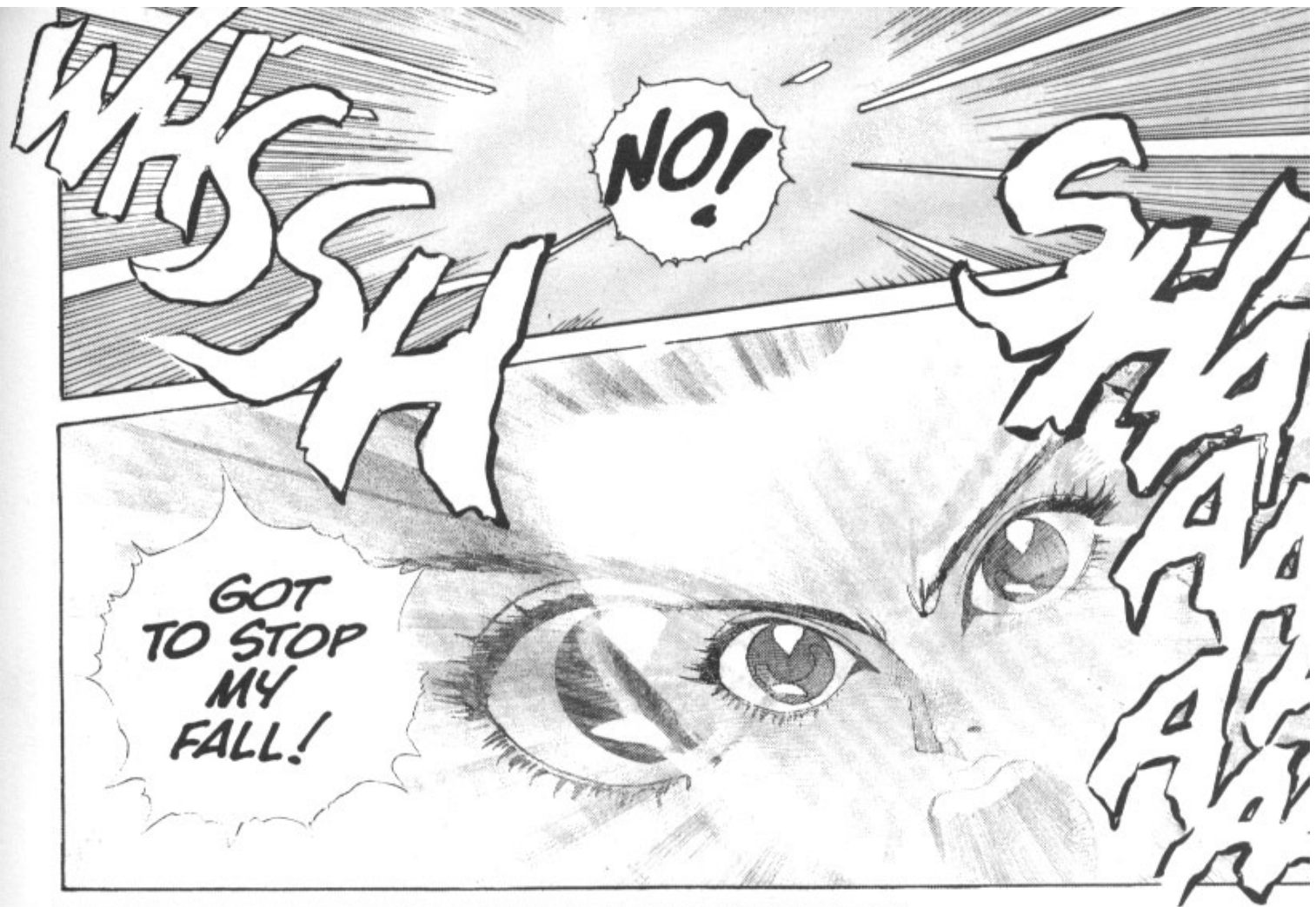




**GWAHA
HAHAHA!**

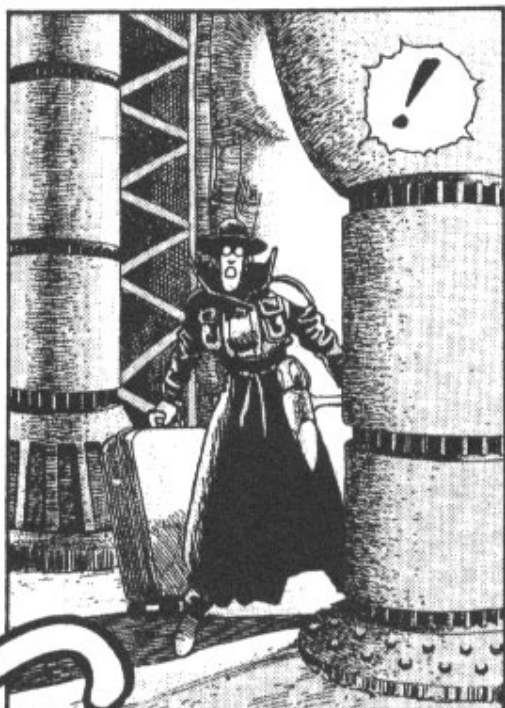


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A
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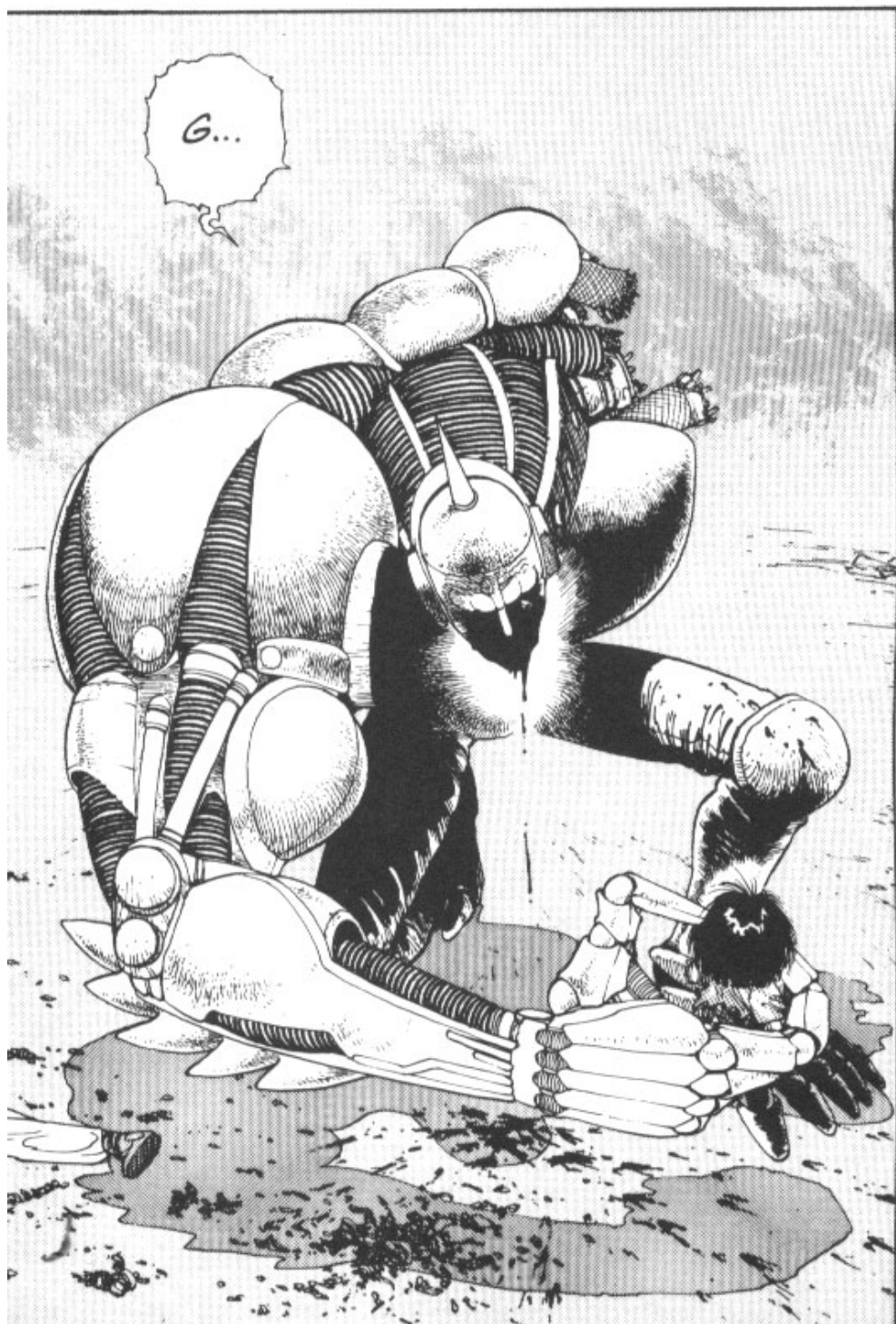
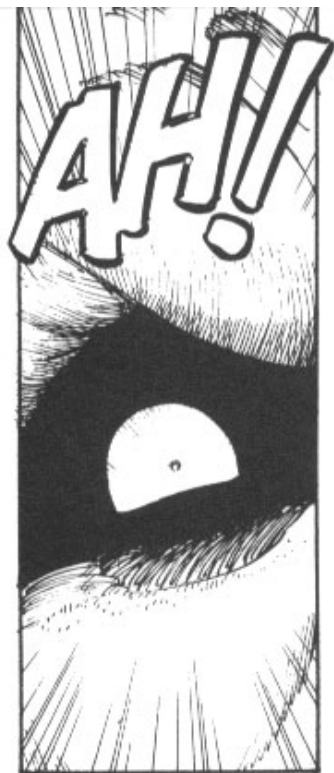














GIRL!

M-MY
EYE...THE
GREAT
MAKAKU'S
EYE...

N-NOT
ENOUGH
N-N-
ENDORPHINS
!

P-P-PAIN!

**PISH
PISH**

B-BRAINS.
I'VE
GOT TO
S-SUCK
BRAINS!

SLORP

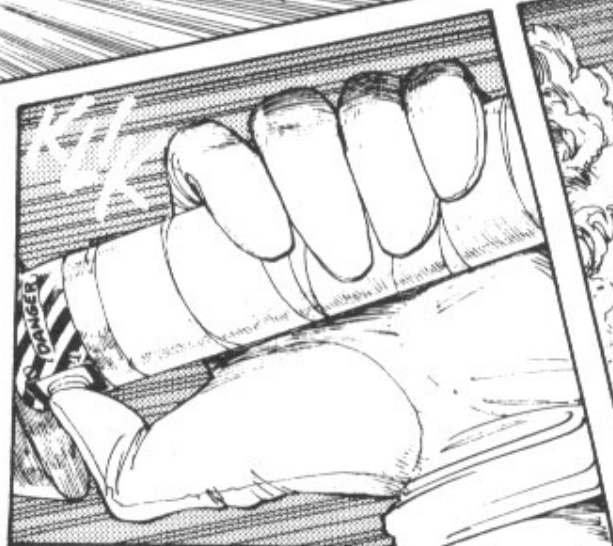
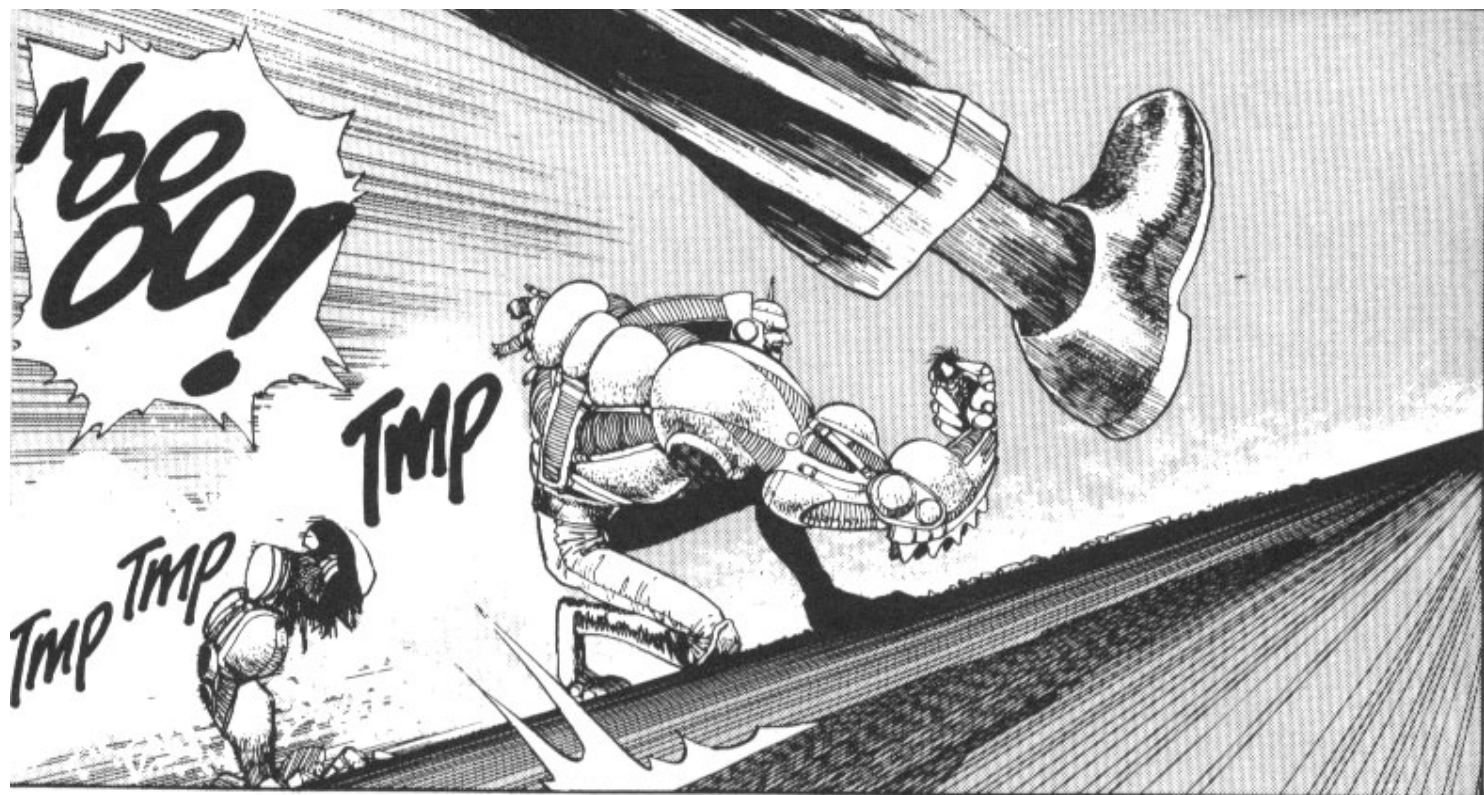


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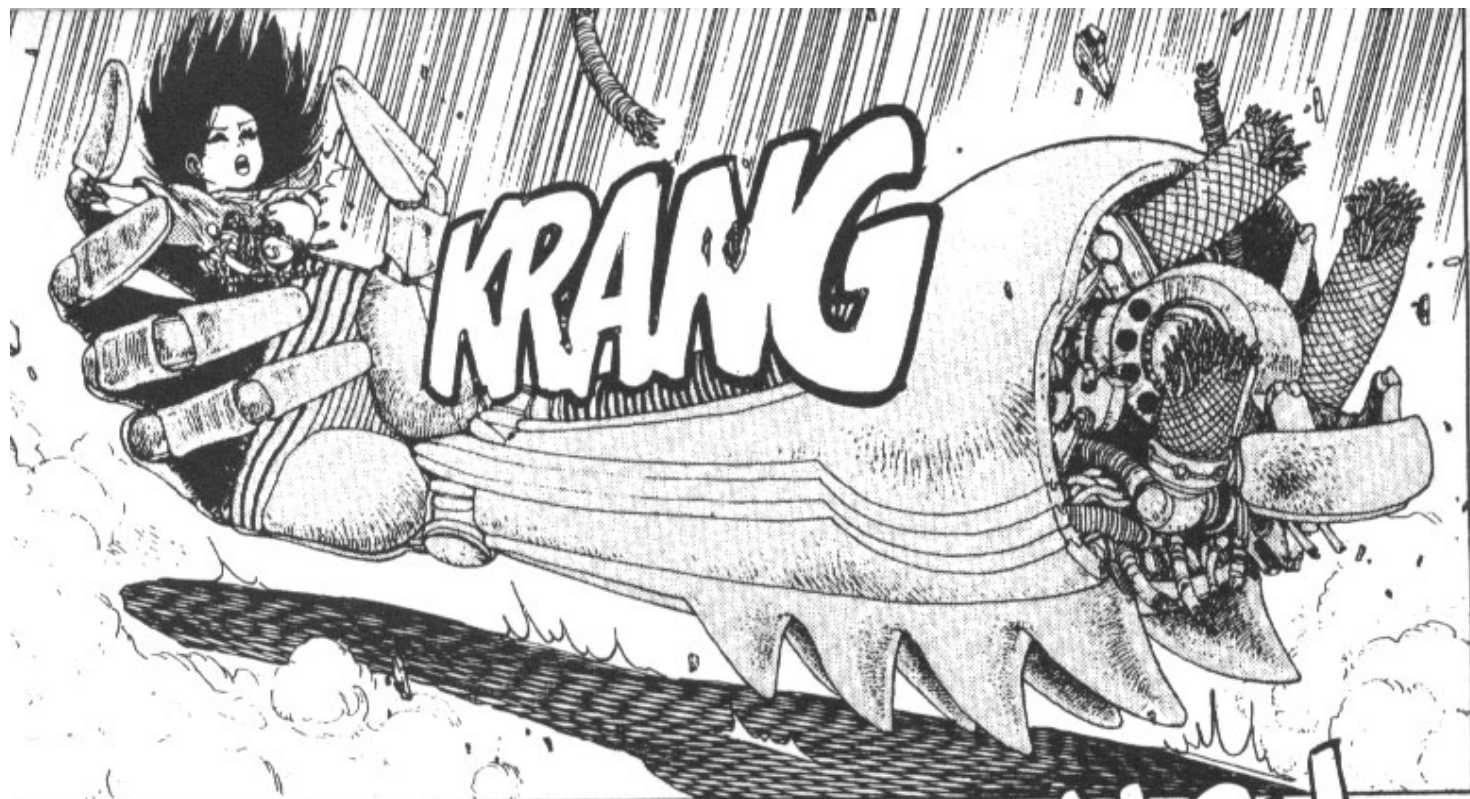
UH!



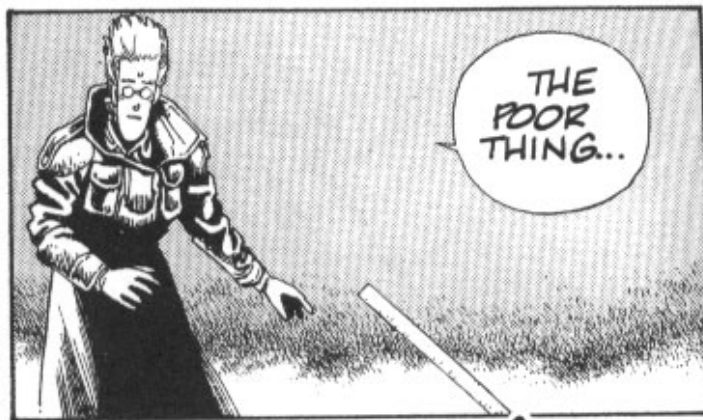
**AA GH!
SKITCH**













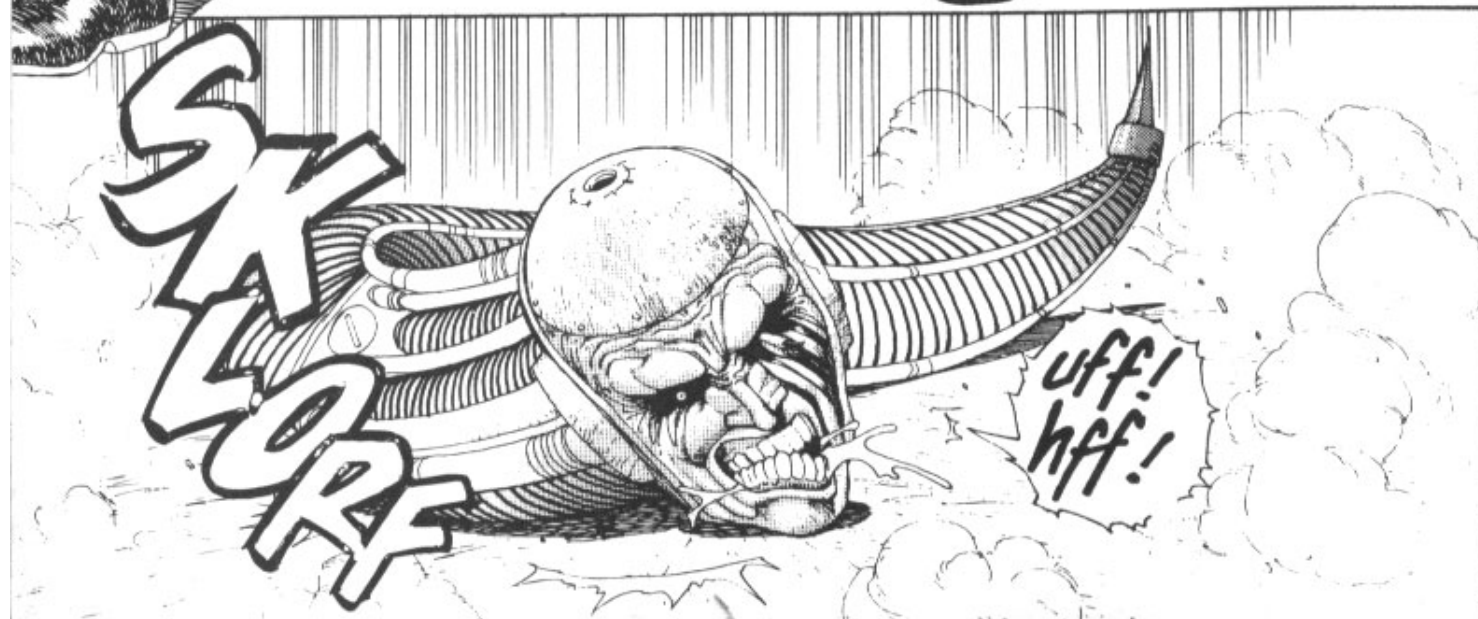
GWIAHA
HAHA
HAHAA!

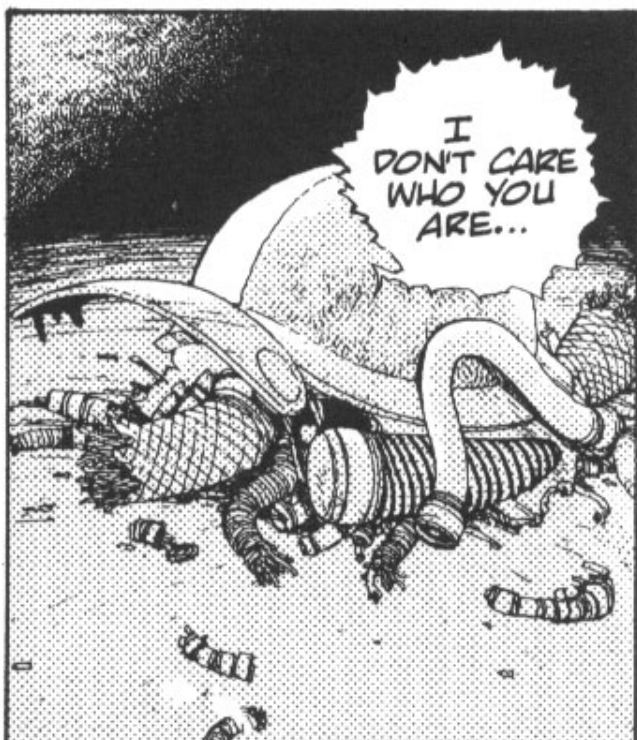
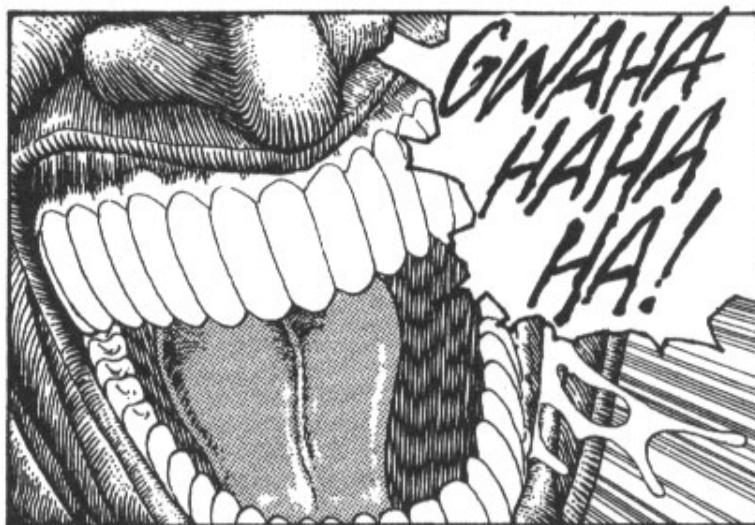


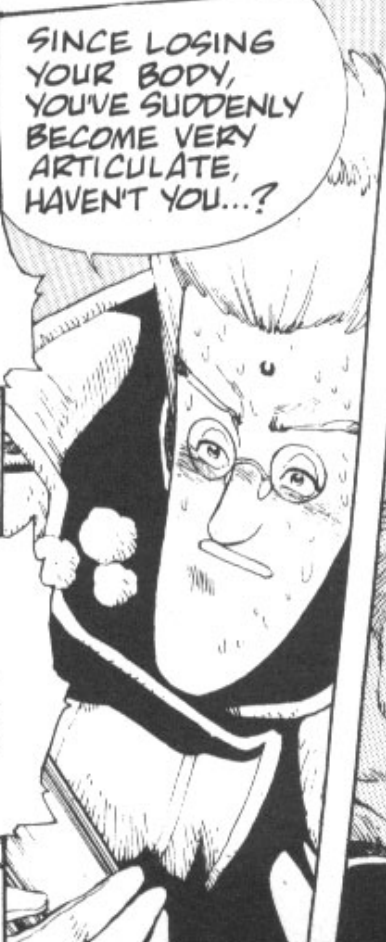
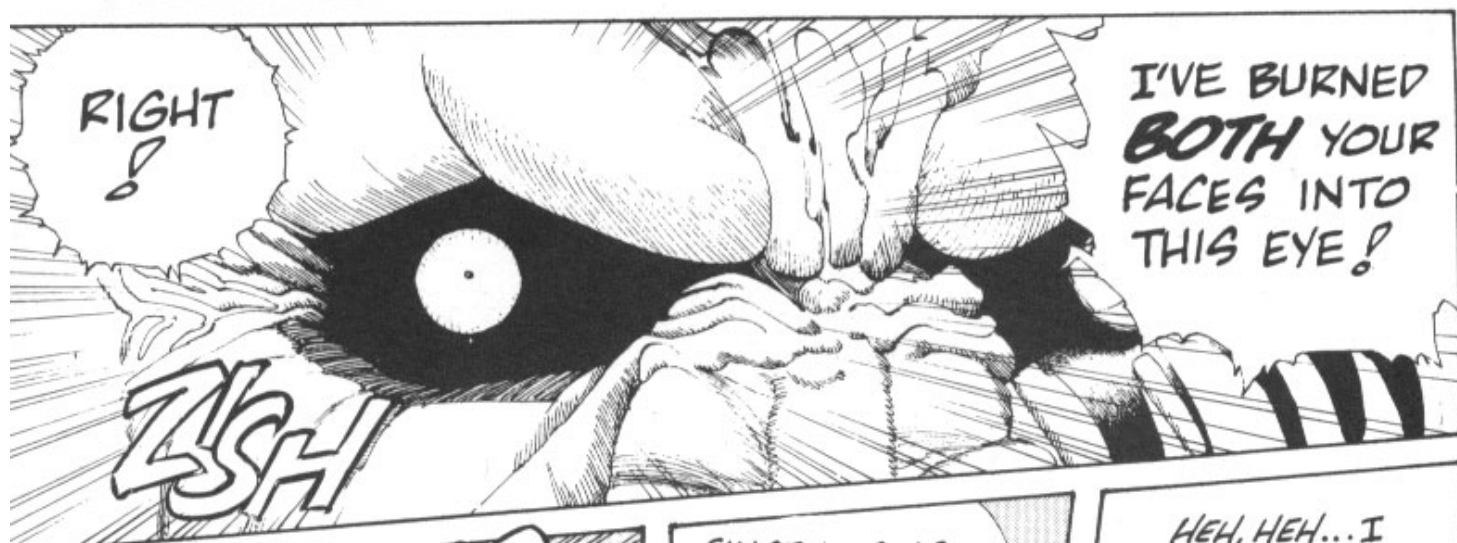
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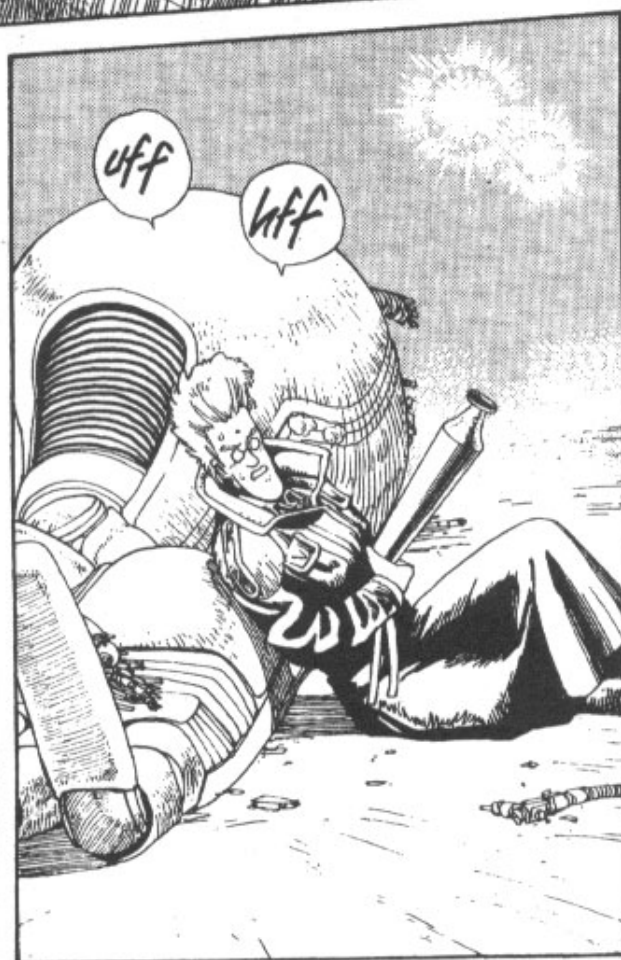
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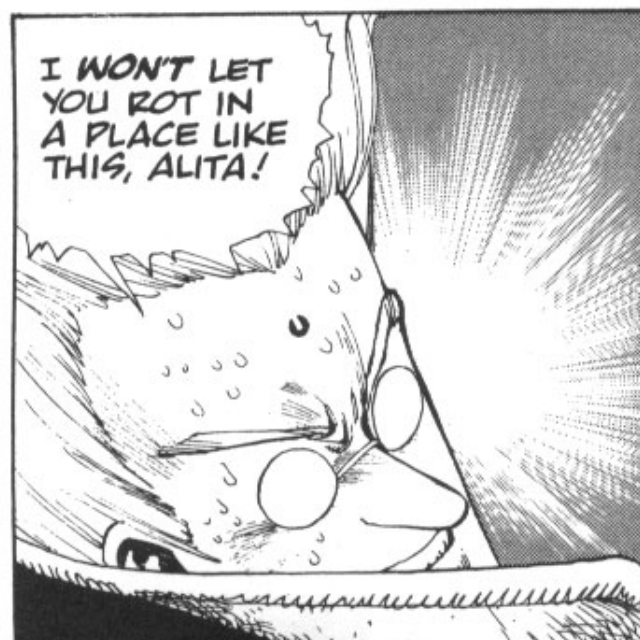
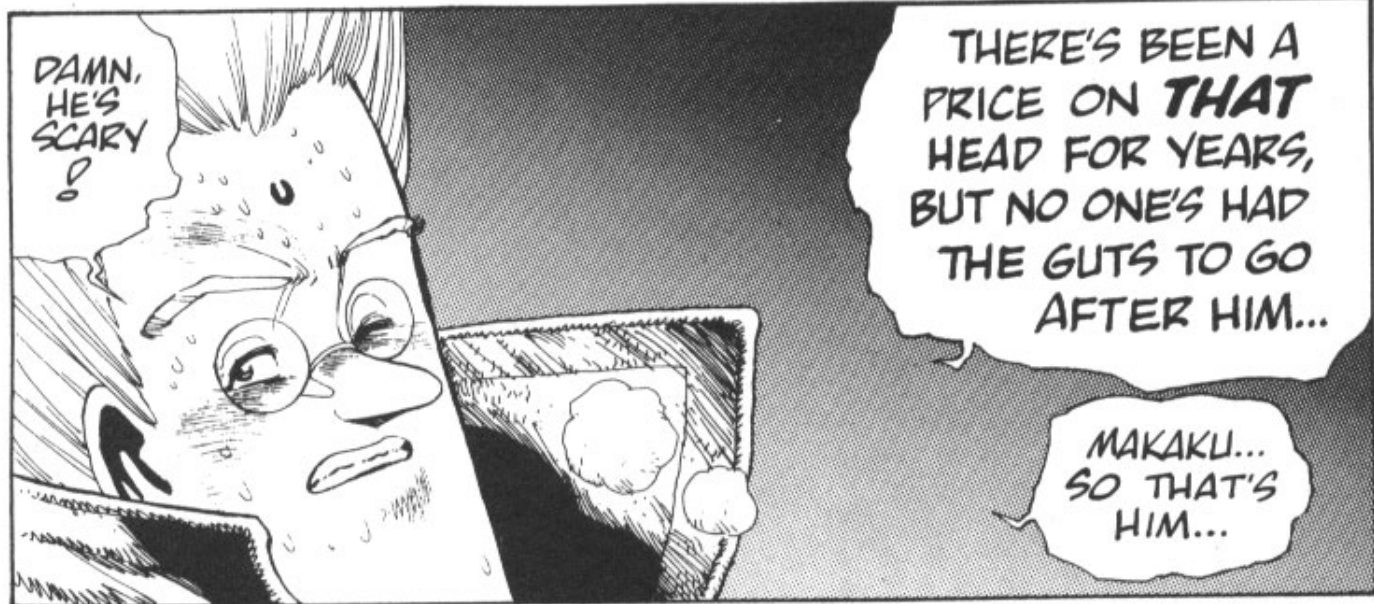
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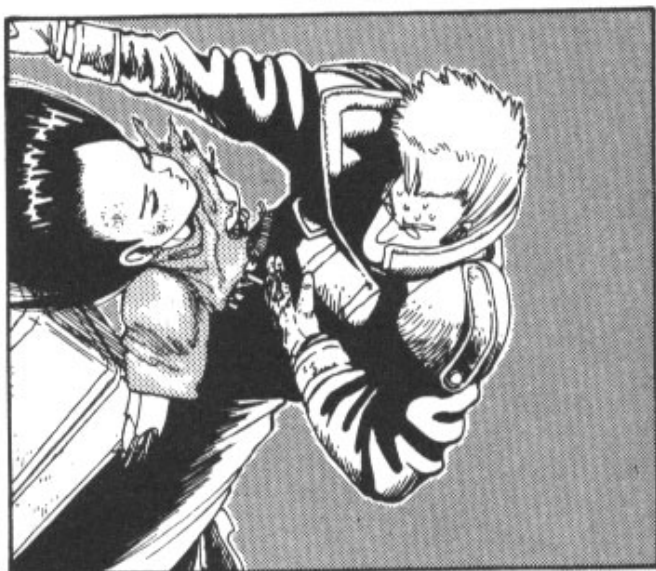




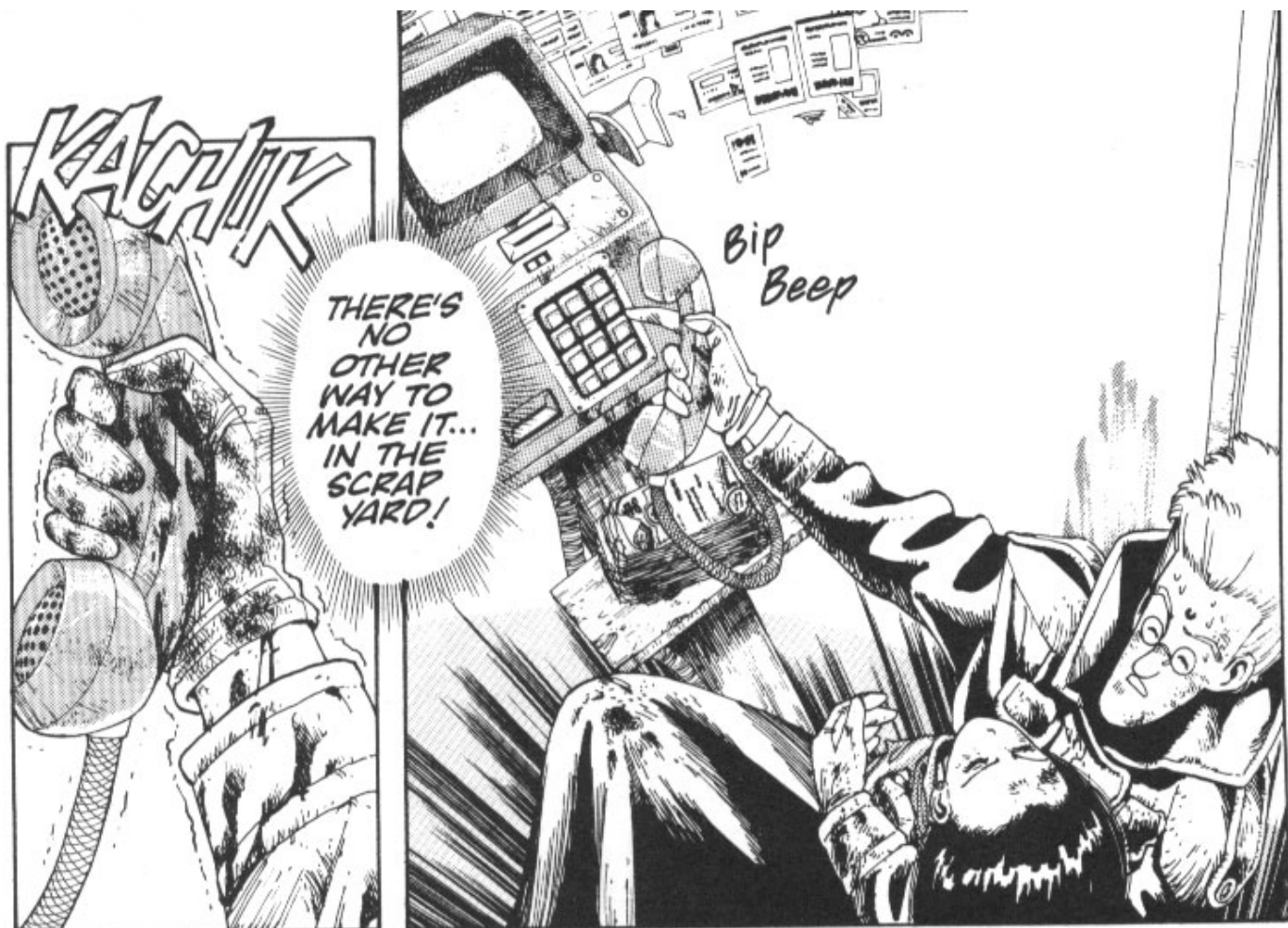












**BRRING
BRRING**





THERE'S
NOTHING IN
THIS WORLD
OF VALUE...
NOTHING
WORTH RISKING
OUR LIVES
FOR...

..EXCEPT,
PERHAPS...

...WHAT LITTLE
WE CAN
CREATE
OURSELVES.



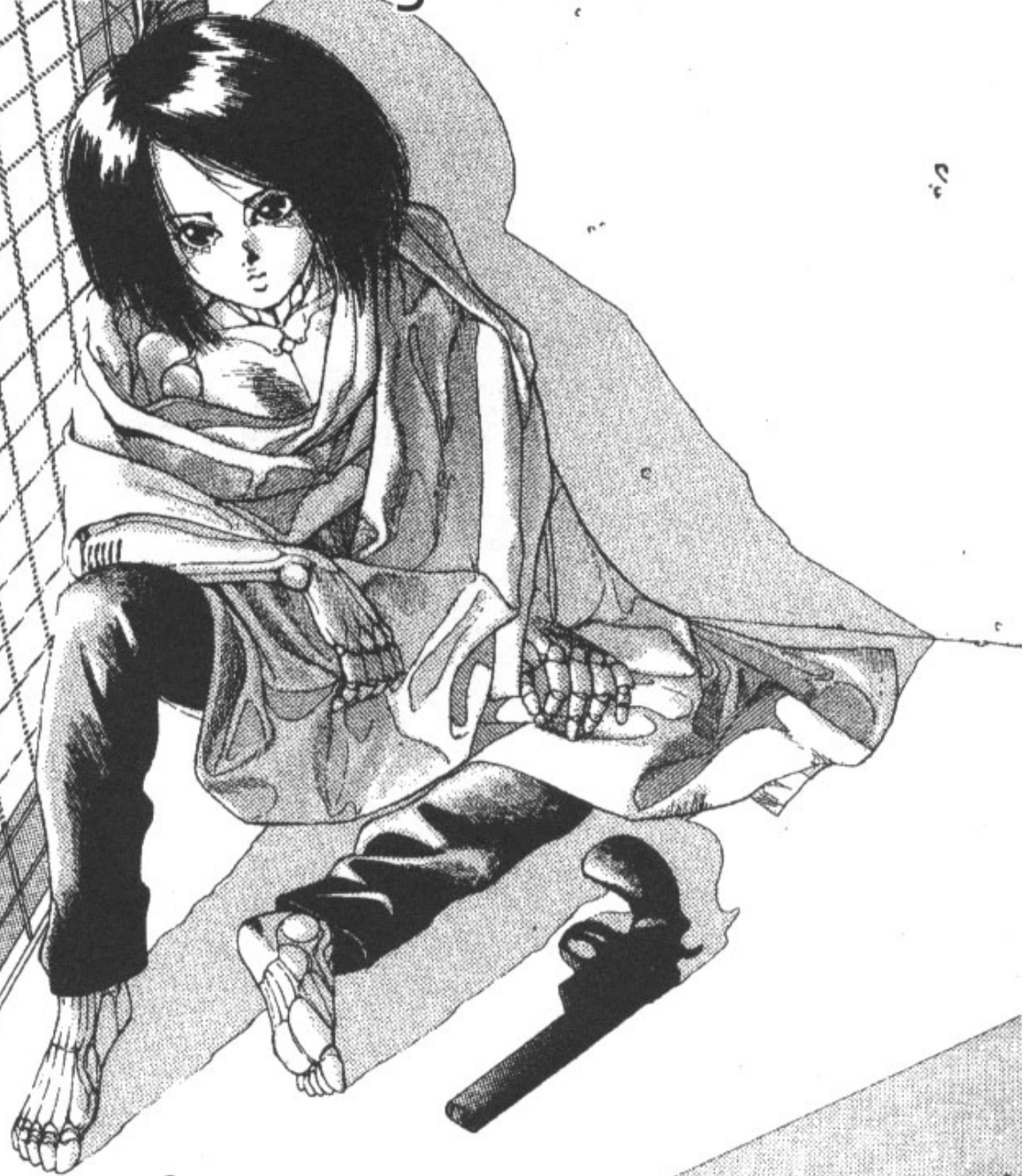
WITHOUT
YOU, ALITA,
MY LIFE
HAS NO
VALUE...

DON'T EVER
TRUST THE
NEEDLE WHEN
IT CRIES
YOUR NAME



BERSERKERS REBORN

Battle 4: Resurgence



A CHILD...
CRYING
SOMEWHERE...
IN THE
DISTANCE...

...W
A
A...

...W
A
A...

...W
A
A...

...ABANDONED...
ALONE...

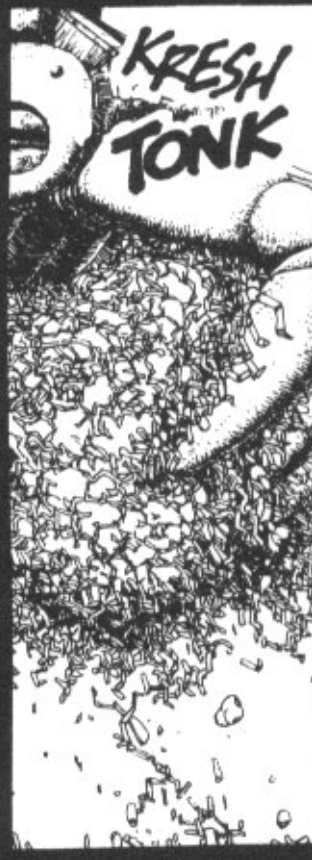
unk...

...unk...

THAT'S
ME...

GRRRRMM

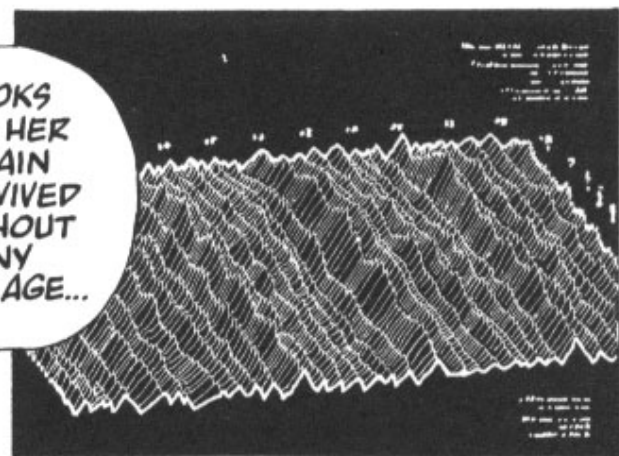
Pok
Tok.







LOOKS
LIKE HER
BRAIN
SURVIVED
WITHOUT
ANY
DAMAGE...



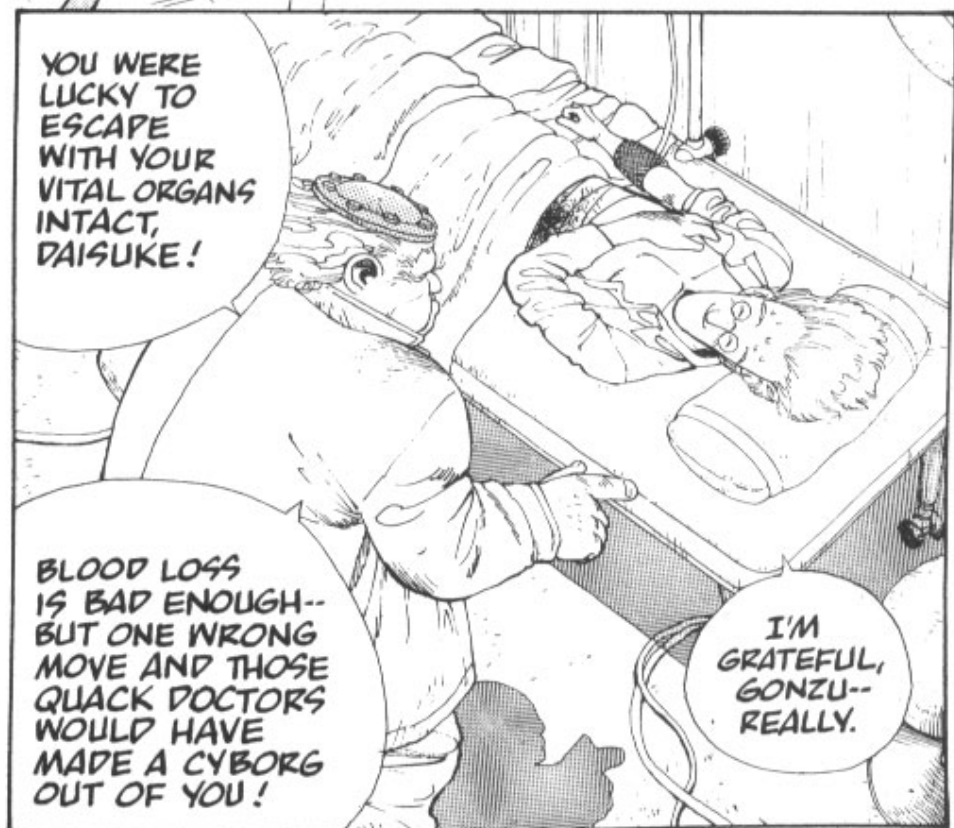
...SHE'S
HAVING
A
DREAM.

I HOPE
IT'S A
GOOD
ONE...



ALWAYS
MOONING
OVER
ALITA...

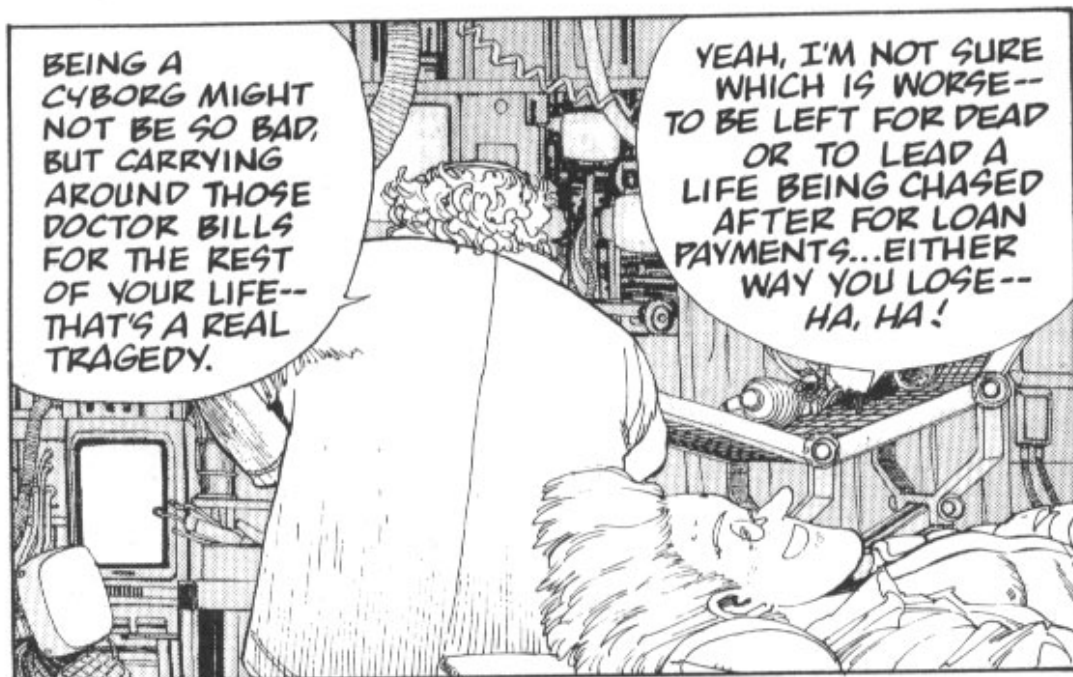
ISN'T IT
TIME YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOURSELF
A LITTLE?



YOU WERE
LUCKY TO
ESCAPE
WITH YOUR
VITAL ORGANS
INTACT,
DAISUKE!

BLOOD LOSS
IS BAD ENOUGH--
BUT ONE WRONG
MOVE AND THOSE
QUACK DOCTORS
WOULD HAVE
MADE A CYBORG
OUT OF YOU!

I'M
GRATEFUL,
GONZU--
REALLY.



BEING A CYBORG MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD, BUT CARRYING AROUND THOSE DOCTOR BILLS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE-- THAT'S A REAL TRAGEDY.

YEAH, I'M NOT SURE WHICH IS WORSE-- TO BE LEFT FOR DEAD OR TO LEAD A LIFE BEING CHASED AFTER FOR LOAN PAYMENTS...EITHER WAY YOU LOSE-- HA, HA!



UNGH...



MAKAKU...HE MEMORIZED OUR FACES, SWORE VENGEANCE... HE'S SURE TO COME AFTER ALITA AND ME...

...WE HAVE TO READY OUR COUNTERATTACK BEFORE THEN... I'VE GOT TO FIX ALITA'S BODY...



YOU WORKED SO HARD TO PUT HER BODY TOGETHER-- AND ALITA LOVED IT SO MUCH. NOW WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

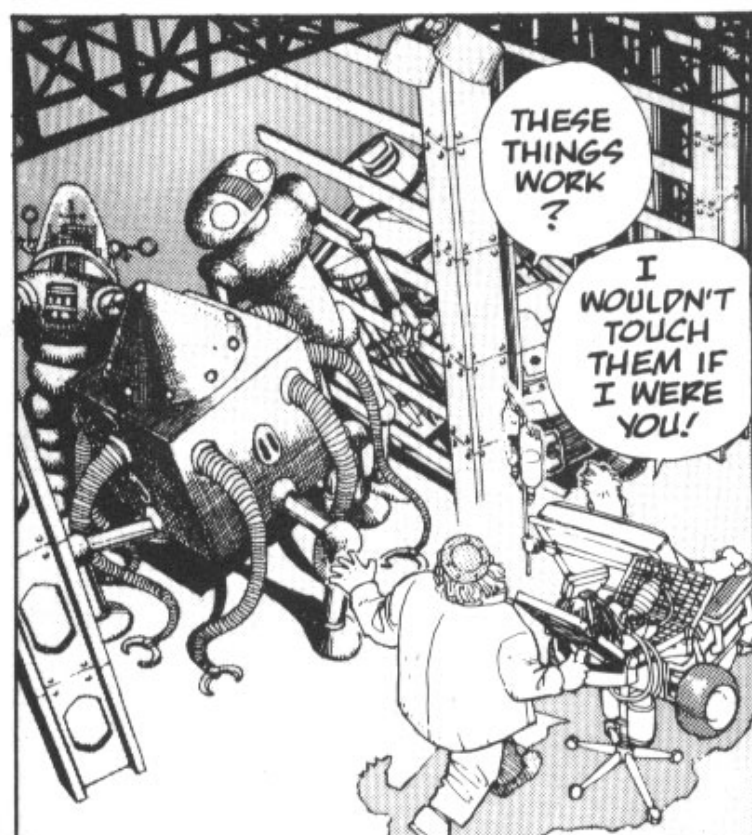


I...I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...



GIVE ME A HAND, GONZU.

HMM?





WHAT IS
THIS? SOME
KIND OF
PIECEMEAL
ANDROID
!!

I'LL
TURN THE
POWER
ON.



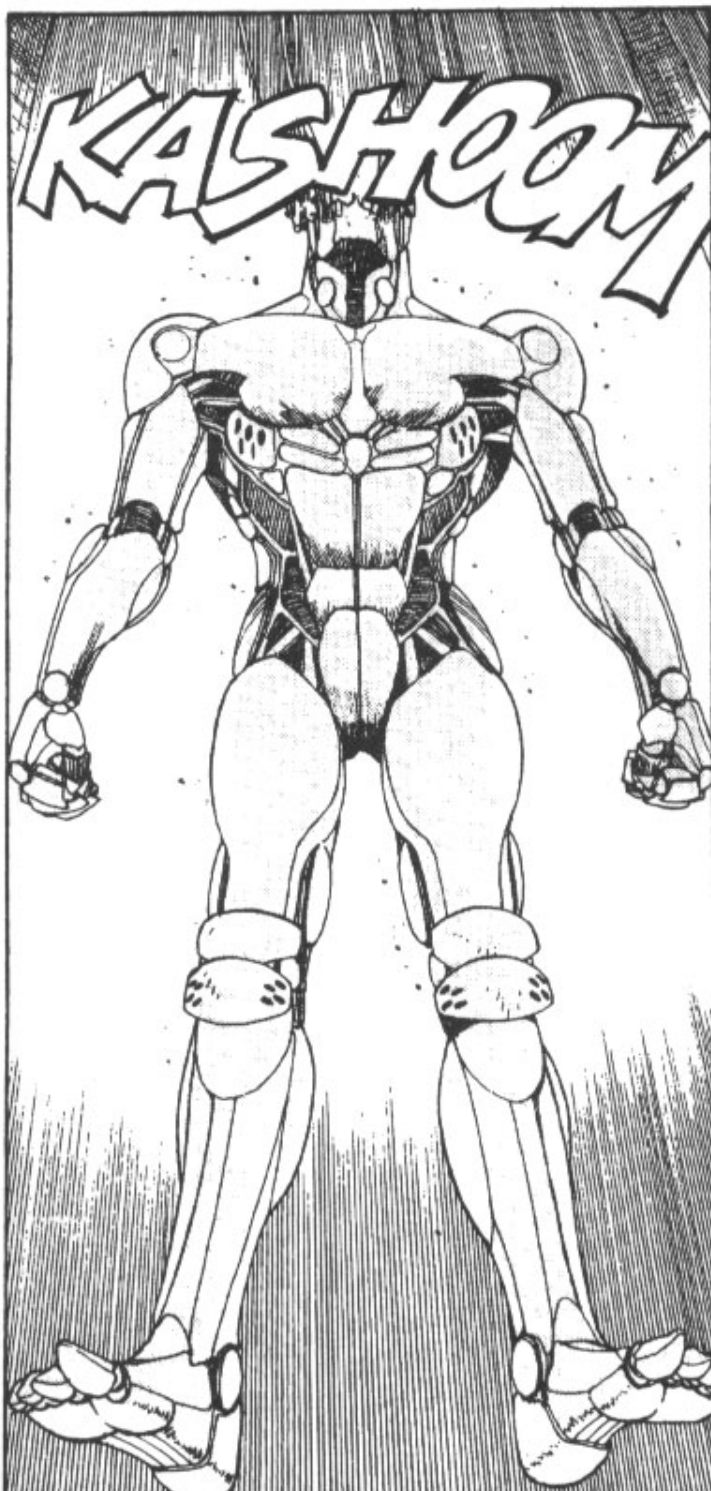
SHAKOOM



OH.

WELL
?





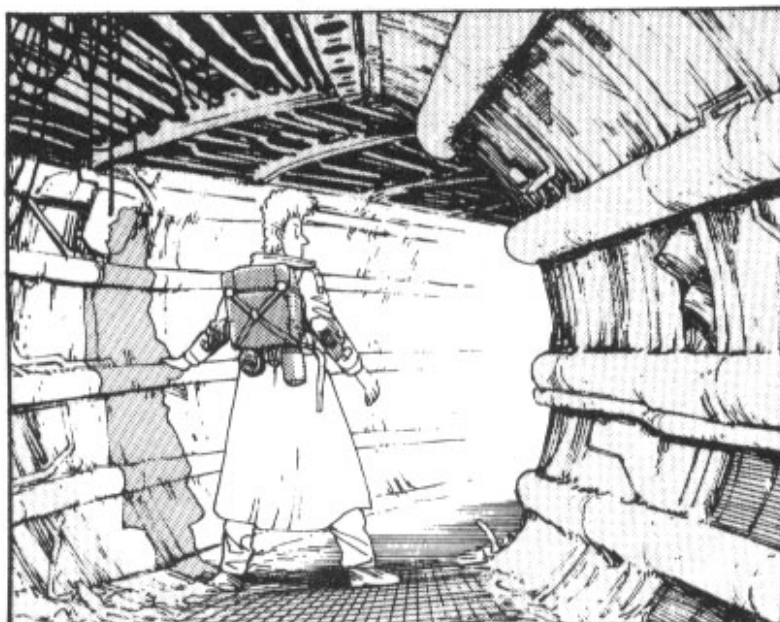
SEVERAL
YEARS AGO, I
DISCOVERED
THE REMAINS OF
A SPACESHIP
AT THE
BOTTOM OF
THE RAVINE TO
THE WEST.



IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME I
HAD EVER SEEN
A SPACESHIP,
BUT IT WAS
CLEAR TO ME
THAT THIS
VEHICLE WAS
MEANT FOR
BATTLE.



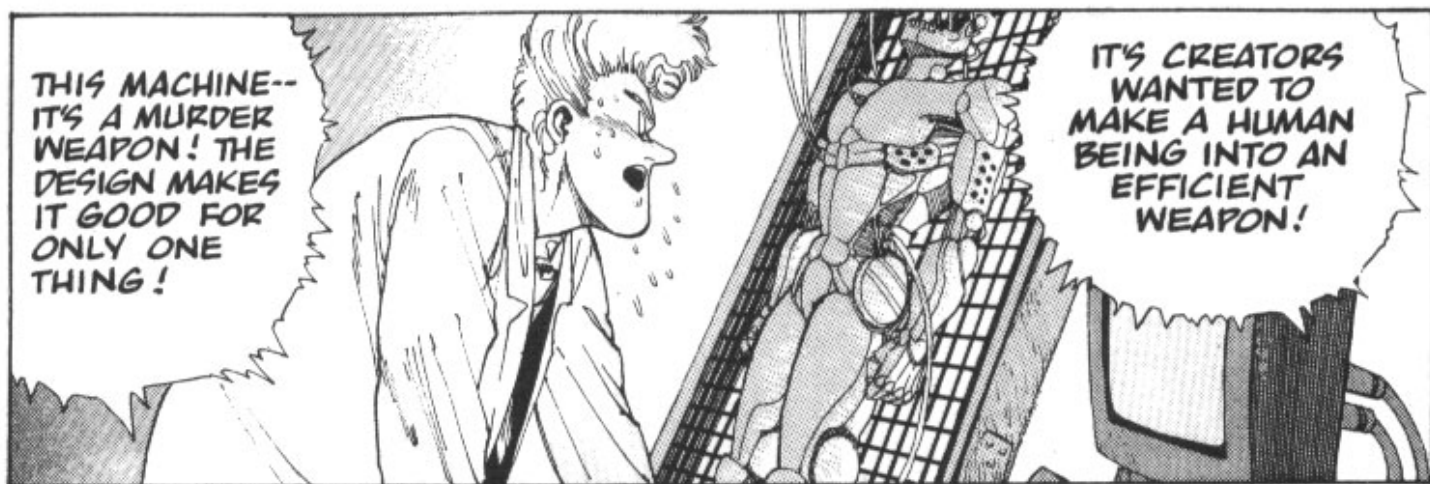
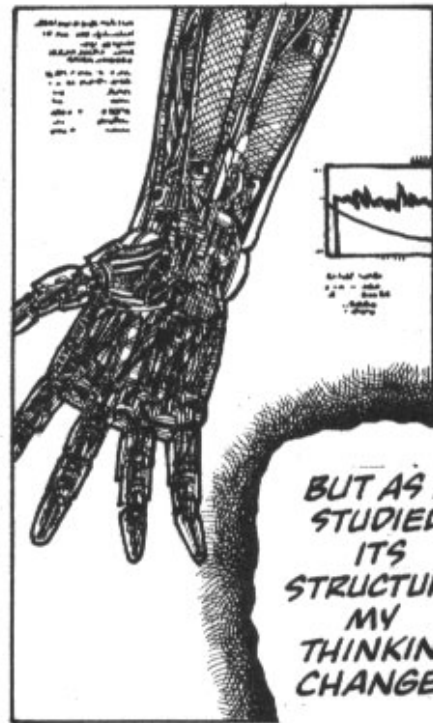
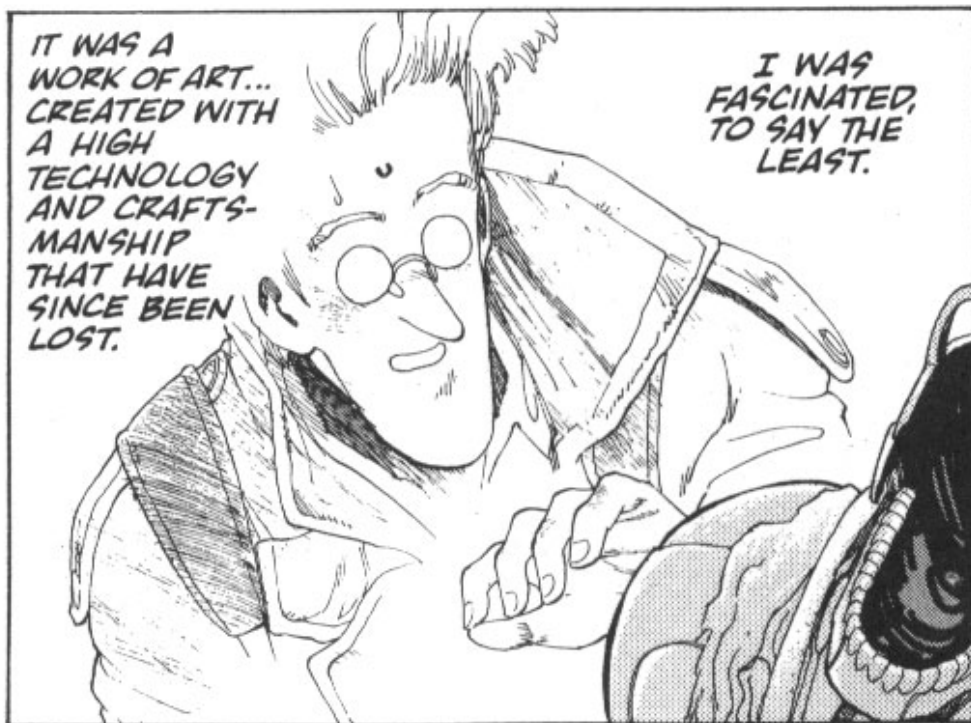
LONG AGO,
THERE HAD
BEEN A
WAR IN
THE SKY...



...NOW, EVEN
AFTER THE OWNER'S
BRAIN WAS GONE,
THE WARRIOR'S
BODY WAS
BREATHING
QUIETLY.



JUST AS
IF IT WAS
WAITING
FOR A NEW
MASTER...





...THIS
IS A
MAN'S
BODY!

NOT
FOR
LONG.

...THIS
IS A
MAN'S
BODY!

NOT
FOR
LONG.

TING TING

BY INPUTTING SOME VALUES THROUGH THE KEYBOARD, THE VARIABLE SKELETAL MUSCLES* CAN BE SET FOR EITHER A MAN OR A WOMAN.

KIK KAK

I GUESS ALITA WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING FAT, EH?

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BECAUSE OF THIS WOUND, I CAN'T UP AND MOVE AROUND--I NEED YOU TO DO THE OPERATION FOR ME.

I'LL SUPPORT YOU FROM THE MONITOR...

WHAT !?

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I'LL SUPPORT YOU FROM THE MONITOR...

WHAT !?

I-IMPOSSIBLE!
I CAN'T DO
THAT!



GONZU, DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE A CYBERPHYSICIAN WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?

CYBER-VETERINARIAN!

YEARS AGO!

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CYBER-VETERINARIAN!

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CYBER-VETERINARIAN!

YEARS AGO!

Panel 1 (Left):

GONZU, DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE A CYBERPHYSICIAN WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?

CYBER-VETERINARIAN!

YEARS AGO!

Panel 2 (Right):

DAISUKE...

*VARIABLE SKELETAL MUSCLES: BECAUSE THEY ARE COMPOSED OF FINE METAL ELEMENTS, THEY ARE STRONG AND SOFT, AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THEIR SHAPE.

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"ALITA"!

STARTING
TODAY,
YOUR
NAME IS
"ALITA"!

ALITA?
?

YOU MUST
HAVE A
REAL NAME,
A FAMILY, A
HOMETOWN.

MY...
REAL
NAME...

RIGHT
NOW,
DAISUKE
IS ALL I
HAVE.

AND THAT'S
ENOUGH.
I DON'T
NEED A
REAL NAME...

DAISUKE--
IN
TROUBLE!

NO!

GRGUR!

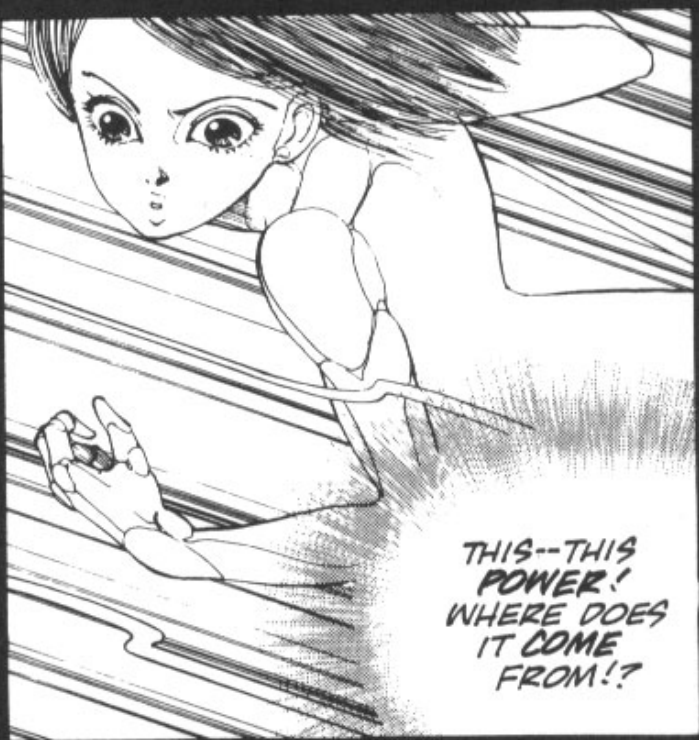
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SH

KAFNOSHIT



WH-
WHAT
AM
I?



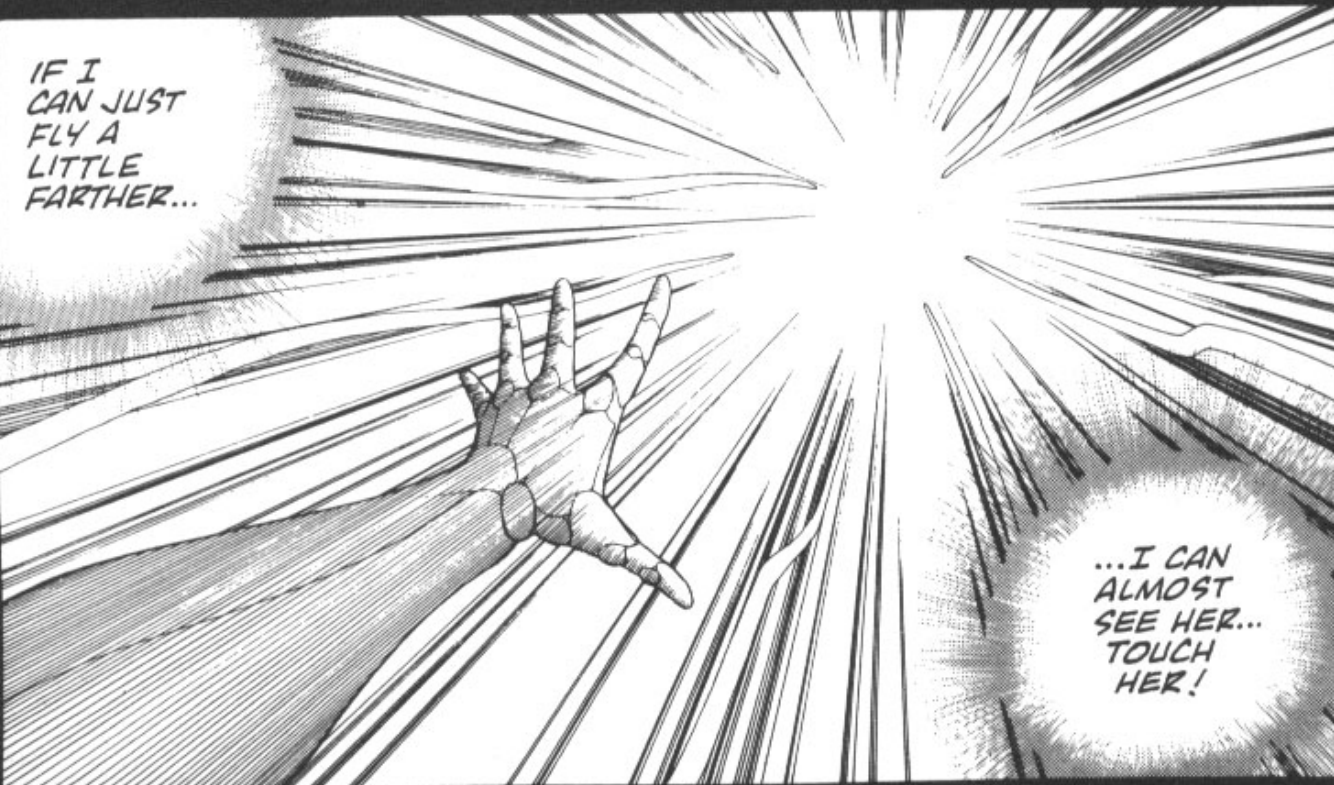
THIS--THIS
POWER!
WHERE DOES
IT COME
FROM!?



INSIDE
ME... IS
ANOTHER
ME...



...STRUGGLING
TO BREAK
FREE!



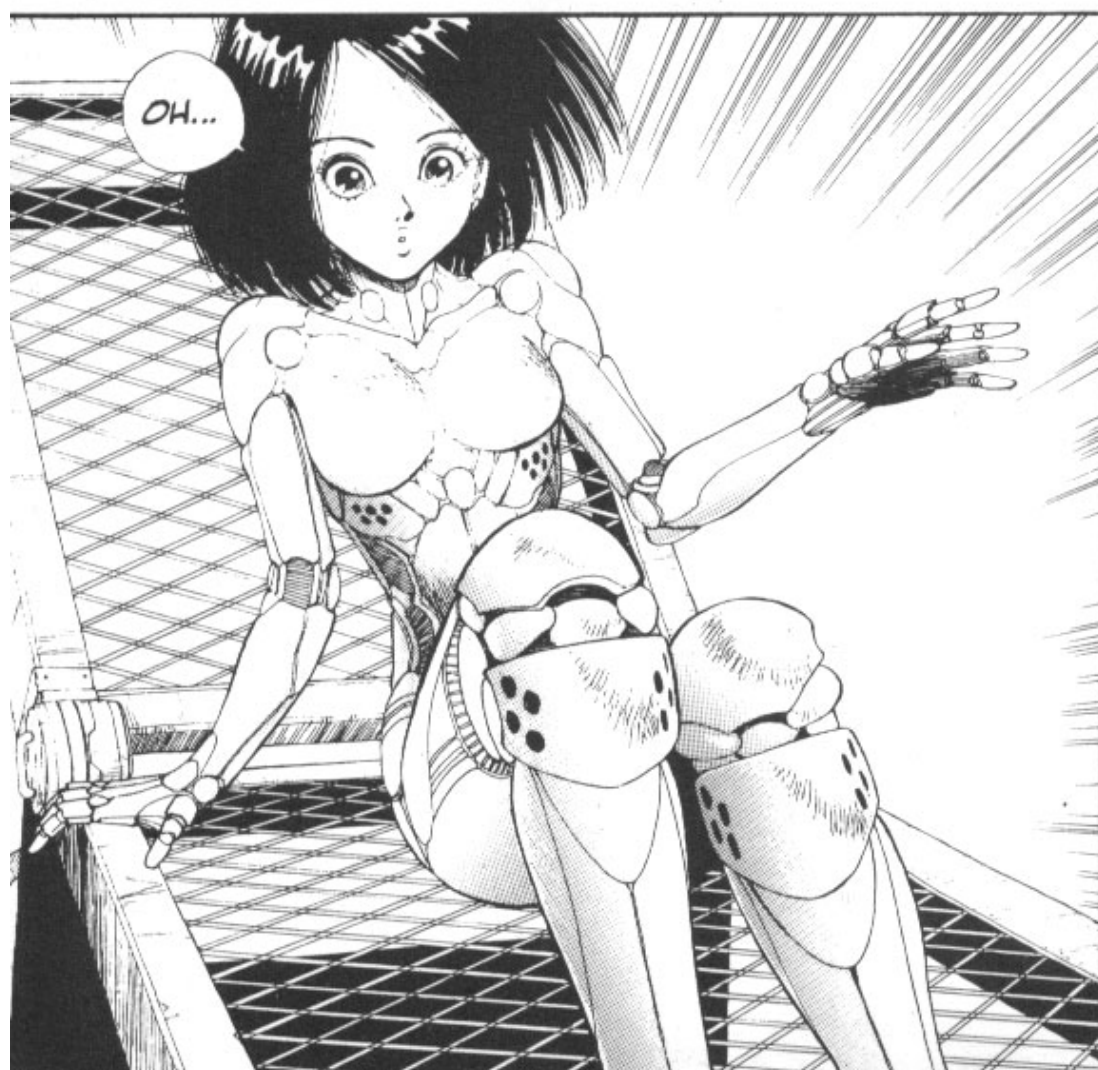
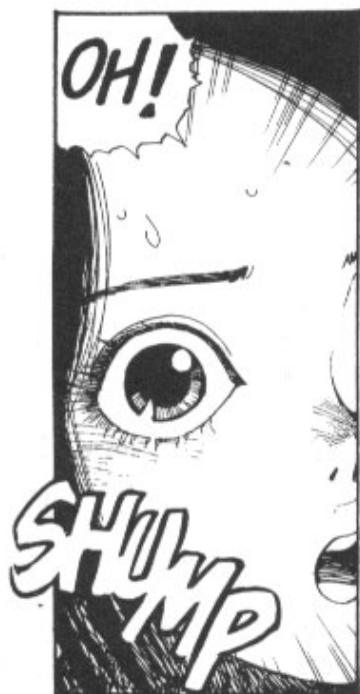
IF I
CAN JUST
FLY A
LITTLE
FARTHER...

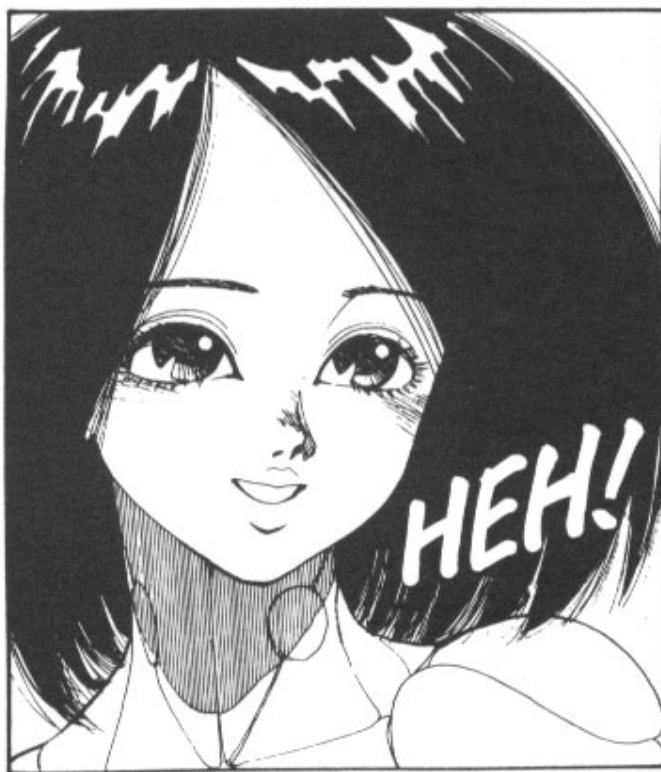
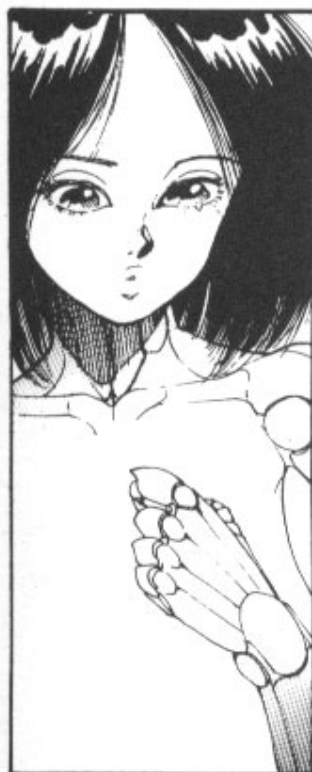
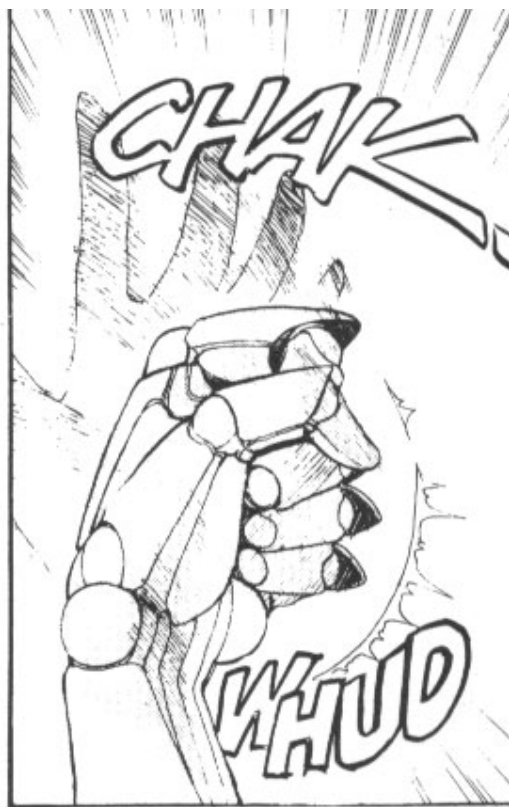
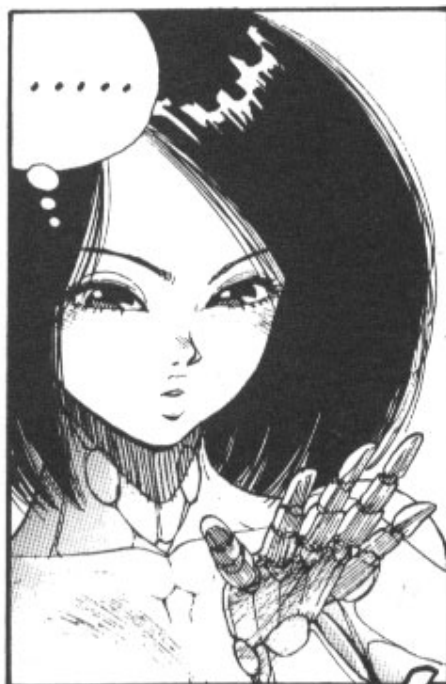
...I CAN
ALMOST
SEE HER...
TOUCH
HER!

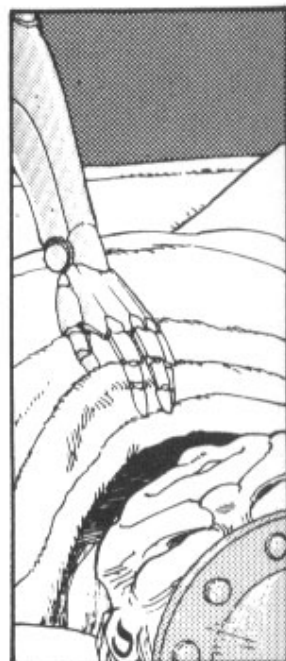
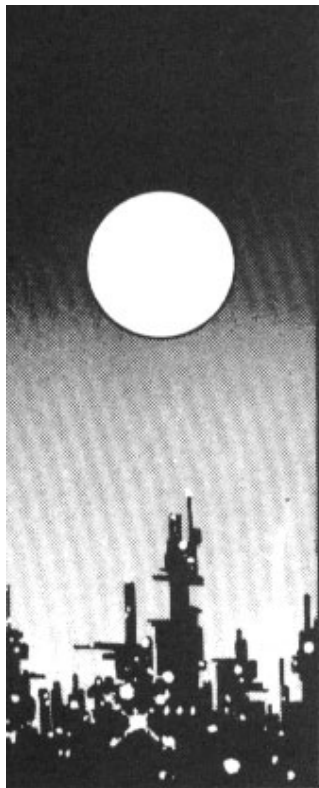


GWA HAHAHA









THEY'RE
EXHAUSTED
FROM
THE LONG
SURGERY.



DAISUKE'S
STOMACH...
THAT
WOUND...



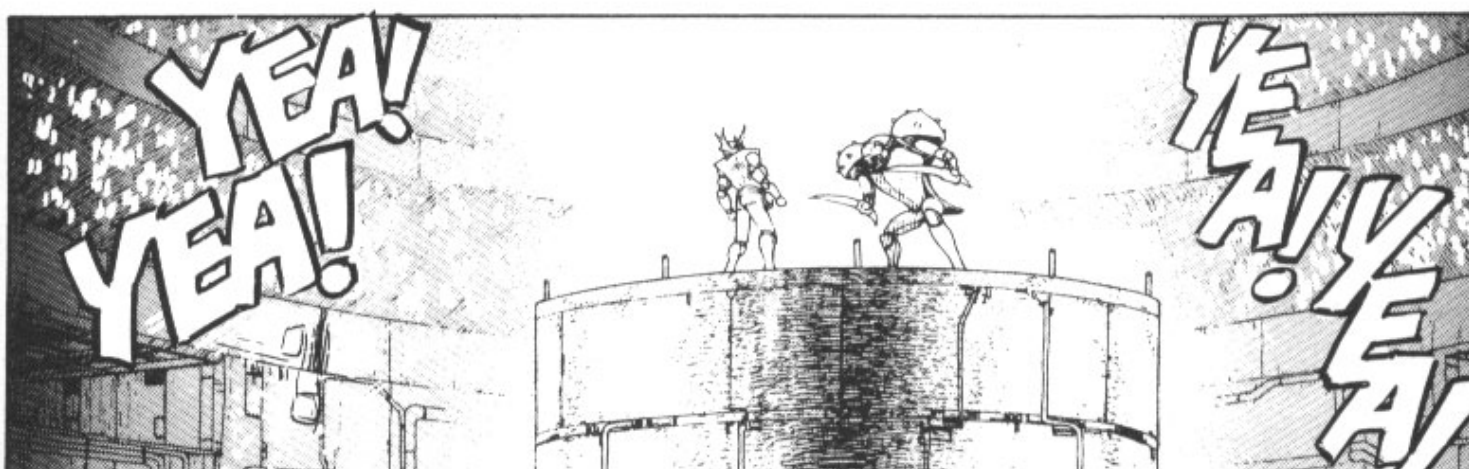
THE MONSTER
WITH THE HUGE
FACE MUST
HAVE GOTTEN HIM.
MA-- KOOKY
SOMETHING...

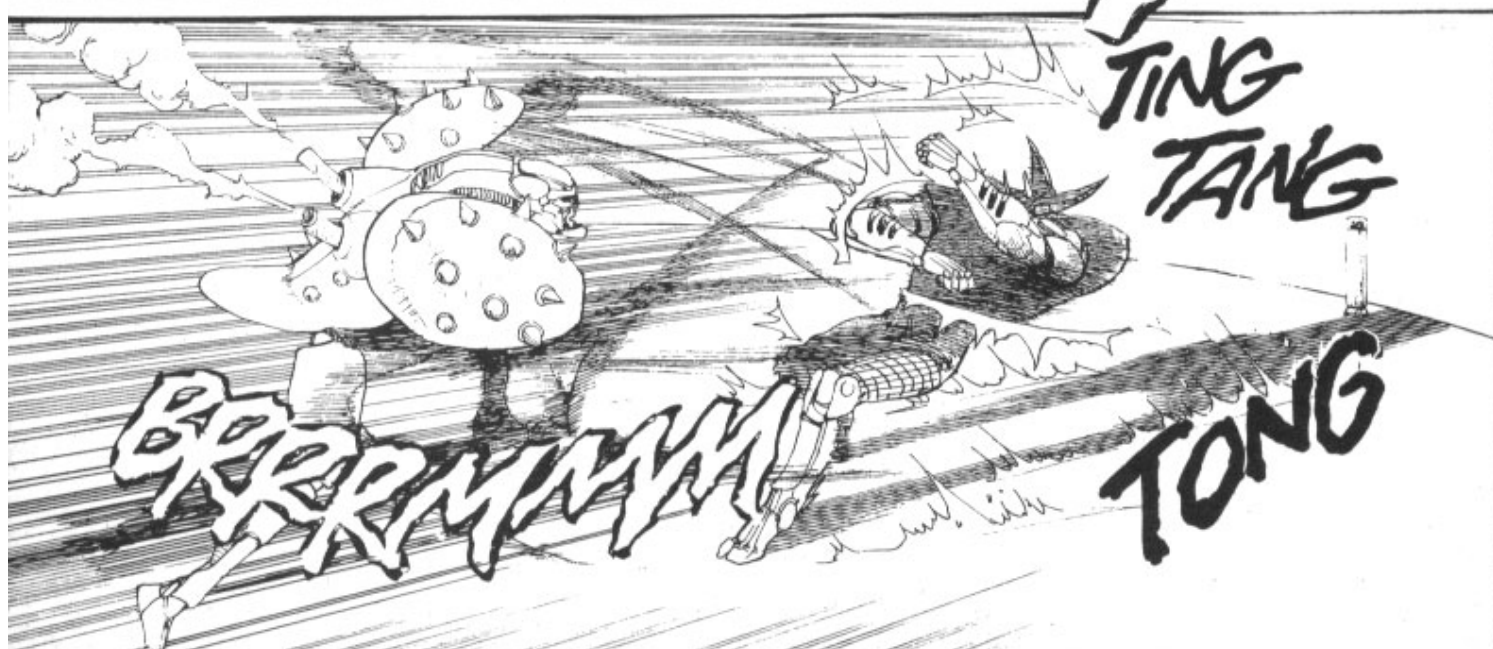
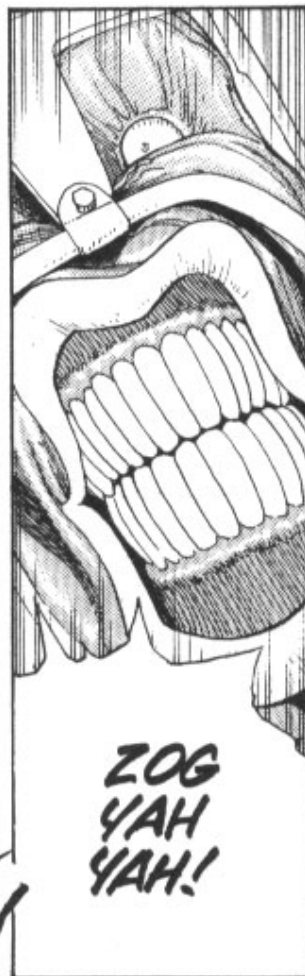
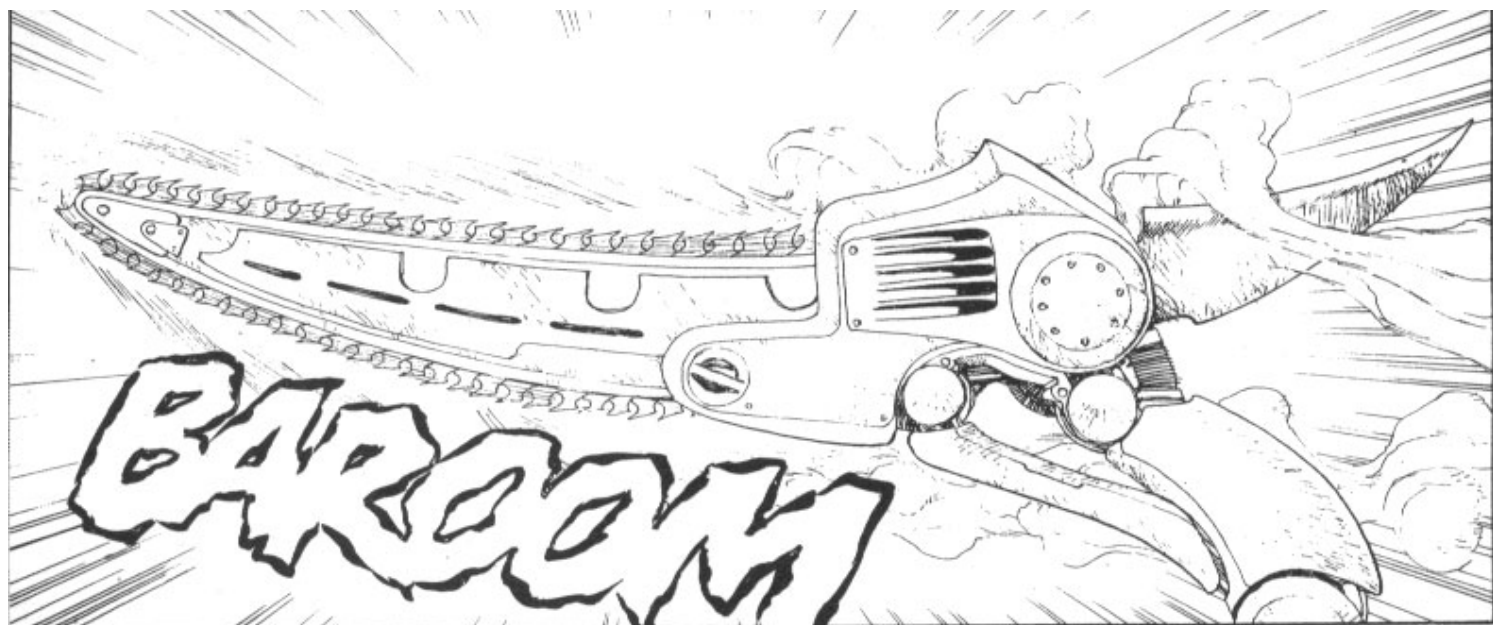


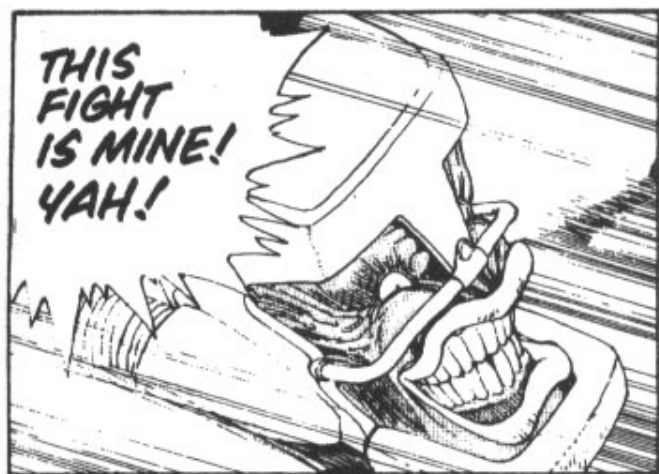
CHAK

WELL,
WATCH
OUT!









NEXT TIME
YOU WANT
TO CHALLENGE
ME, TRY A
STRONGER
BODY.

AH!

YAH?
YAHHHH...

ZA Z ZISH!

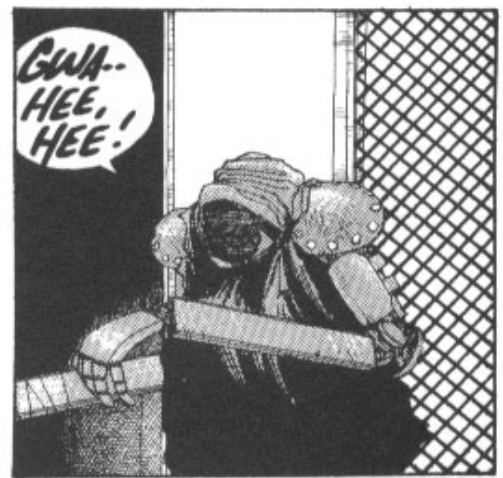
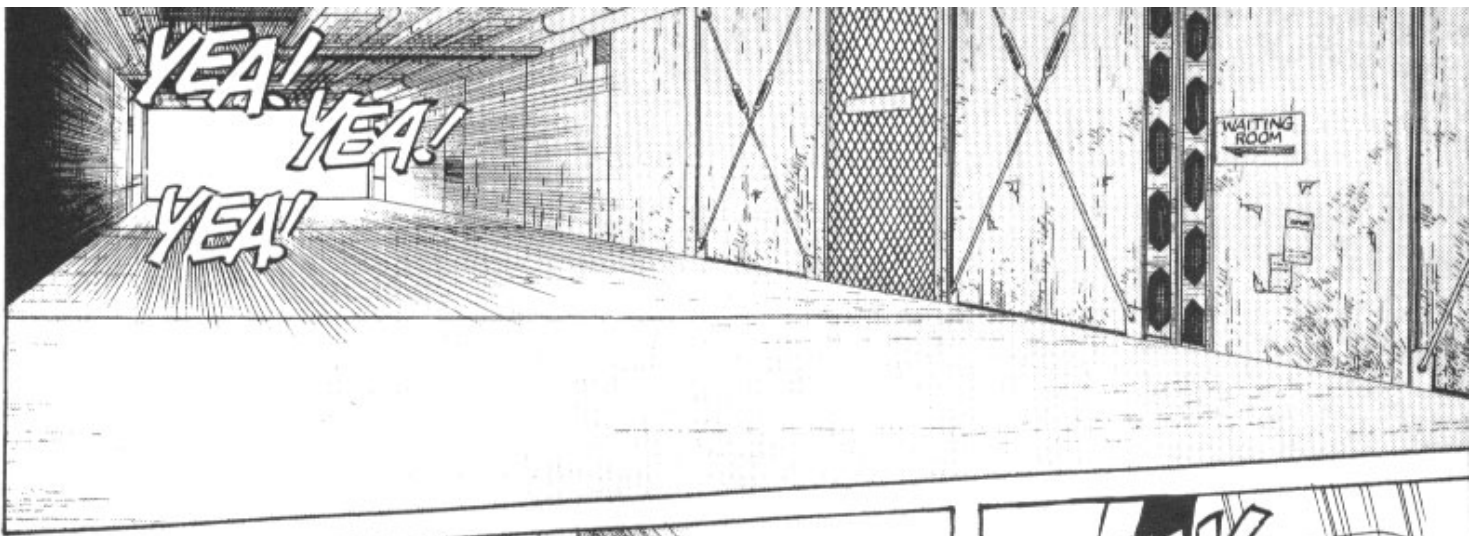
THE CHAMPION'S
"GRIND CUTTER"
EXPLOSIVE DEATH
BLOW! HE
PULVERIZES THE
CHALLENGER'S
ENORMOUS BODY
IN AN INSTANT!

SKLOK

POK

TRULY
UNRIVALLED!
UNDEFEATED
IN 281
FIGHTS, THE
CHAMPION
KINUBA!

YEA! YEA!





GWA, HEE, HEE!
OH, NO ONE
WHOSE NAME
IS WORTH
MENTIONING.



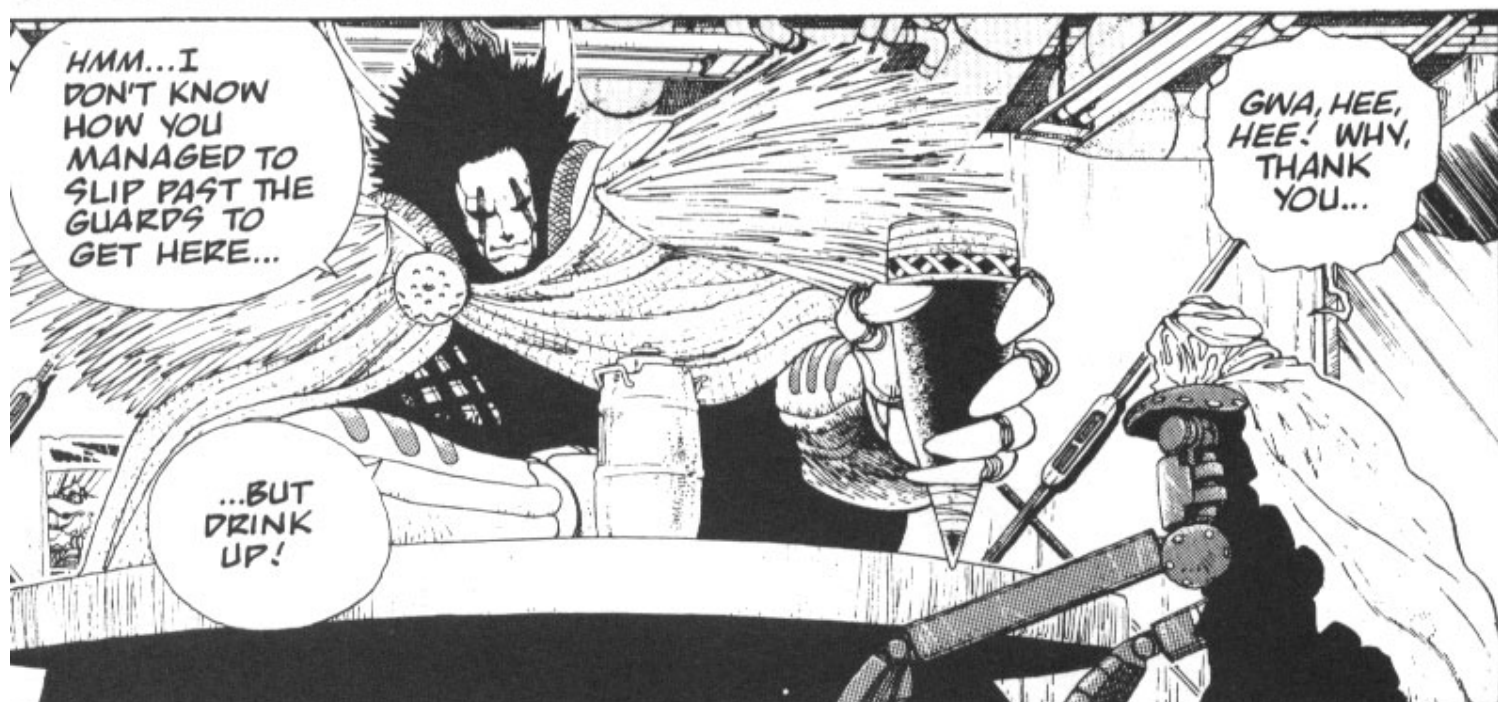
I SAW
THAT
CONTEST
JUST NOW
AND HAVE
BECOME A
BIG FAN
OF YOURS,
YOU SEE.

SHISH
SHISH



TWICH
TWACH

GWAHEE,
GWA-HEE!
YES, YOU
CERTAINLY
ARE
POWERFUL!



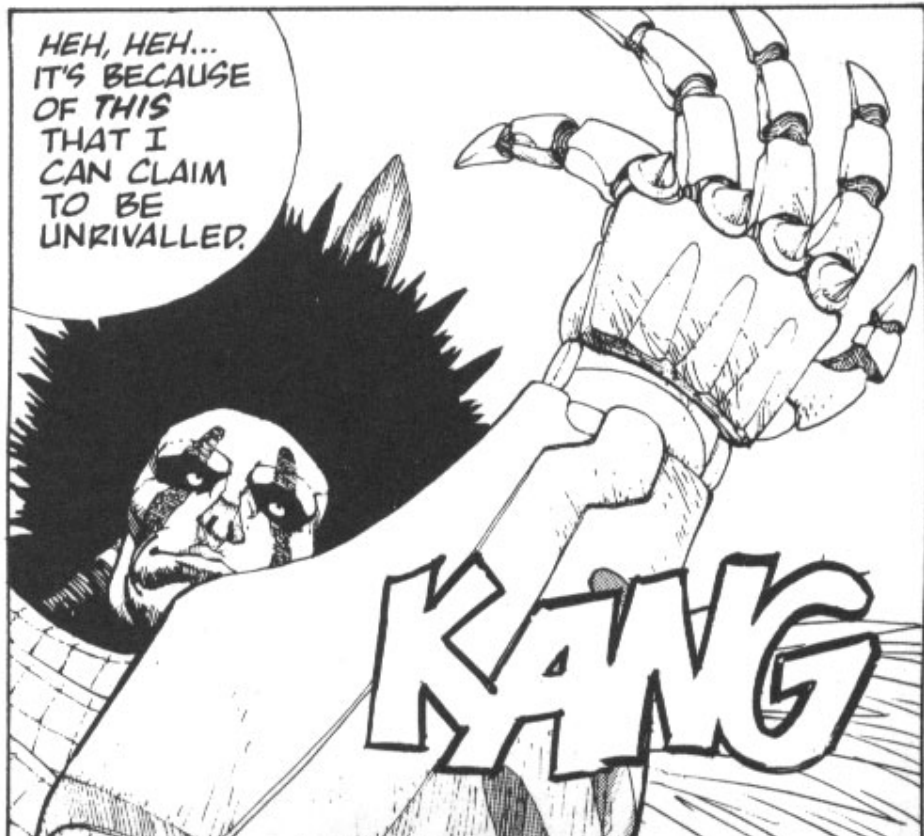
HMM...I
DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU
MANAGED TO
SLIP PAST THE
GUARDS TO
GET HERE...

...BUT
DRINK
UP!

GWA, HEE,
HEE! WHY,
THANK
YOU...



THAT
WEAPON
BUILT INTO
YOUR RIGHT
HAND...
SENSA-
TIONAL,
ISN'T IT
?



HEH, HEH...
IT'S BECAUSE
OF THIS
THAT I
CAN CLAIM
TO BE
UNRIVALLED.

KANG

THROUGH THE
SUPER VIBRATION
ACTUATOR*,
THESE FINGER-
TIPS CAN MOVE
AT THREE TO
FOUR TIMES THE
SPEED OF SOUND!
I CAN CUT
THROUGH CERAMIC
ARMOR AS IF IT
WERE JELLY!

SCHLOOK

NOT EXACTLY
EASY TO
COME BY,
YOU KNOW...

GWA. HEE,
HEE... I
LIKE THEM...

HUH...

THE GREAT
MAKAKU
WILL TAKE
THEM, IF
YOU DON'T
MIND!
GWAA-
HAHA!

THAT
POWER...
THAT
BODY...

PLOP

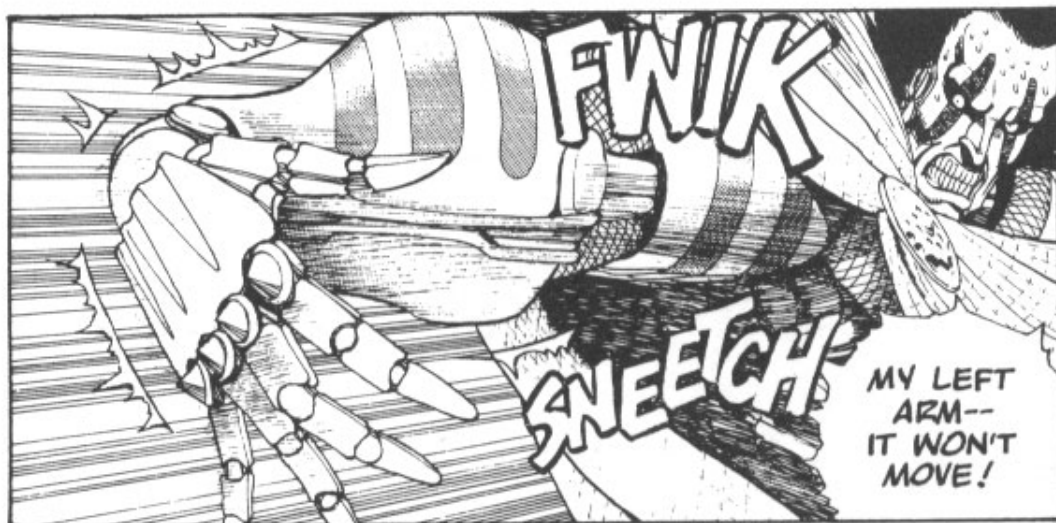
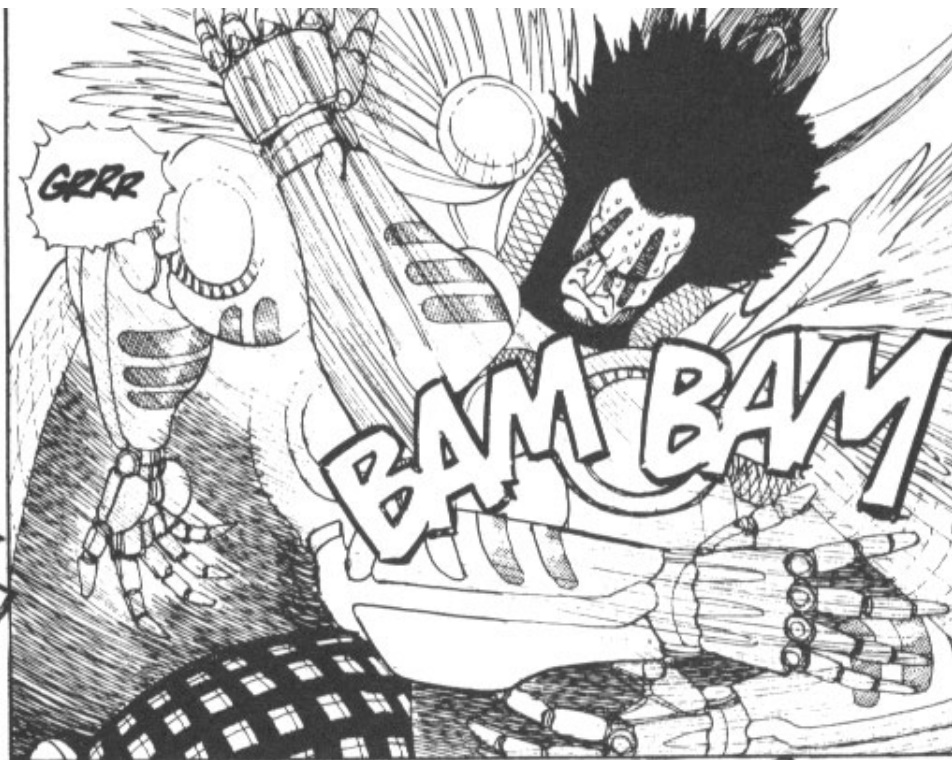
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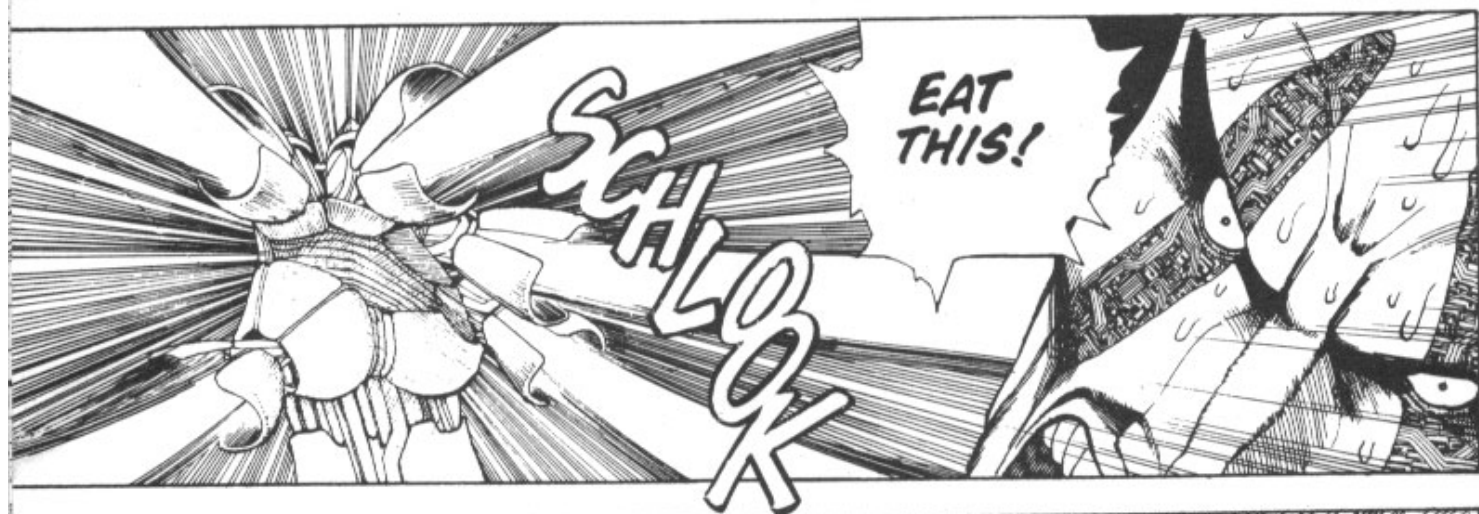
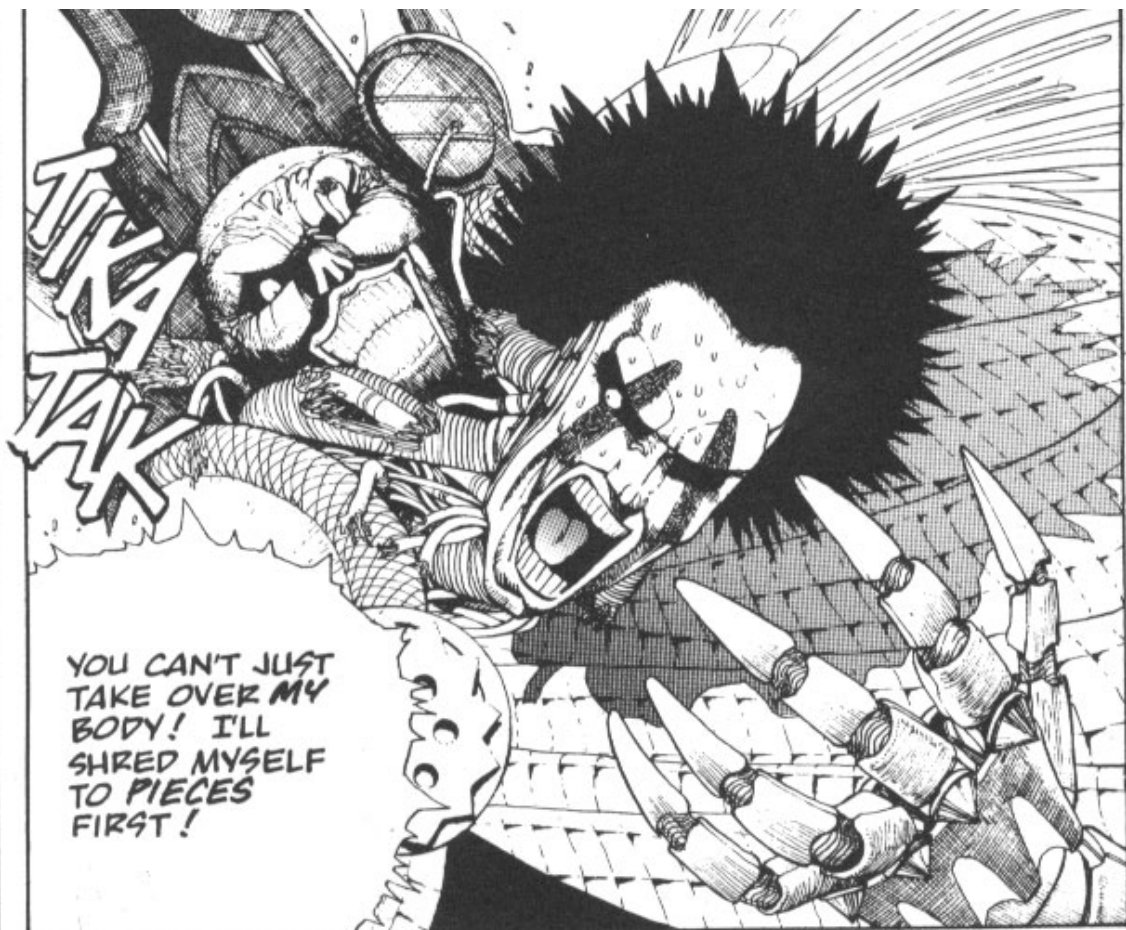
SKLORP!



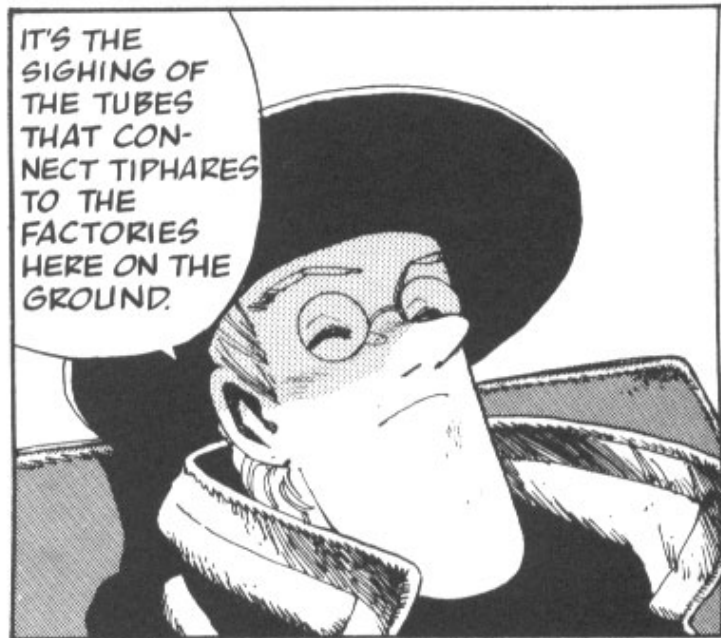
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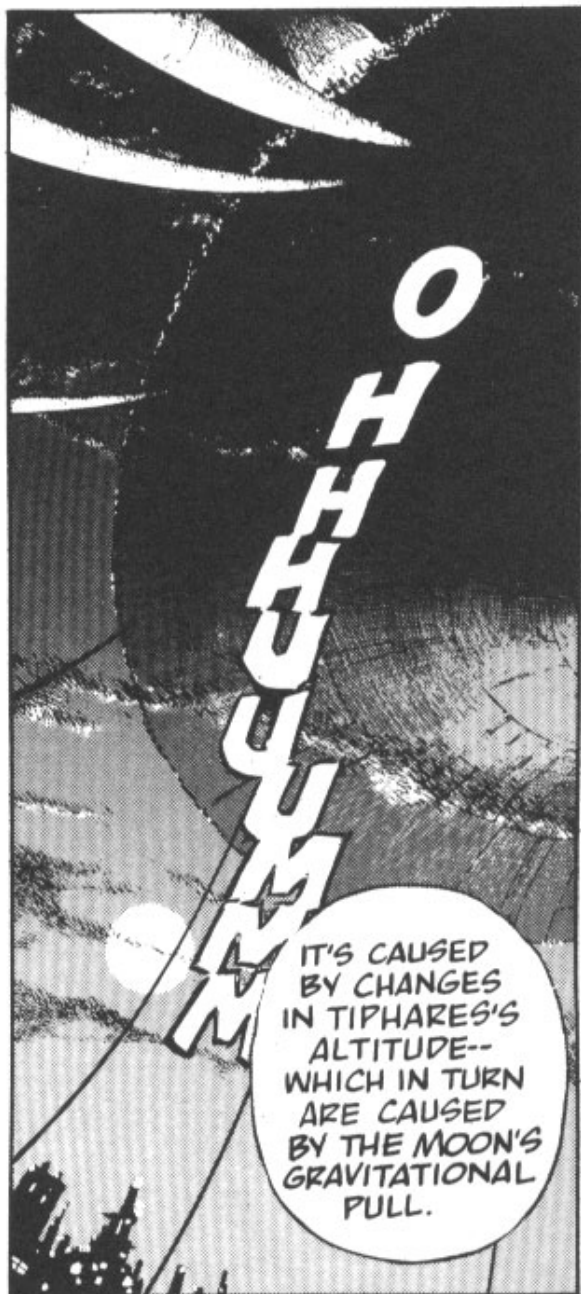






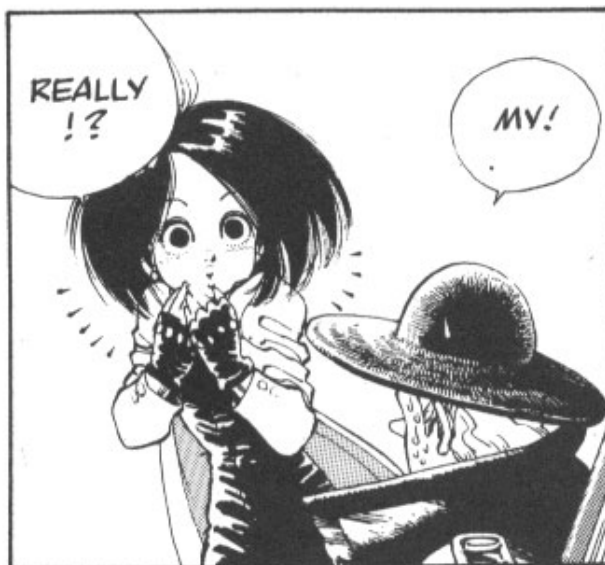








YOU'RE
STARTING
TO SEEM
MORE
GROWN
UP, ALITA.



REALLY
!?

MY!



I WONDER
IF ATTACHING
A "BERSERKER"
BODY HAS
AFFECTED
HER MIND...



I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT,
IDO...



...BUT
BELIEVE
ME...





HEY,
DOC!

HERE'S DOC
IN A
WHEELCHAIR!

WAAH
HH!

ARF!



DOC
?

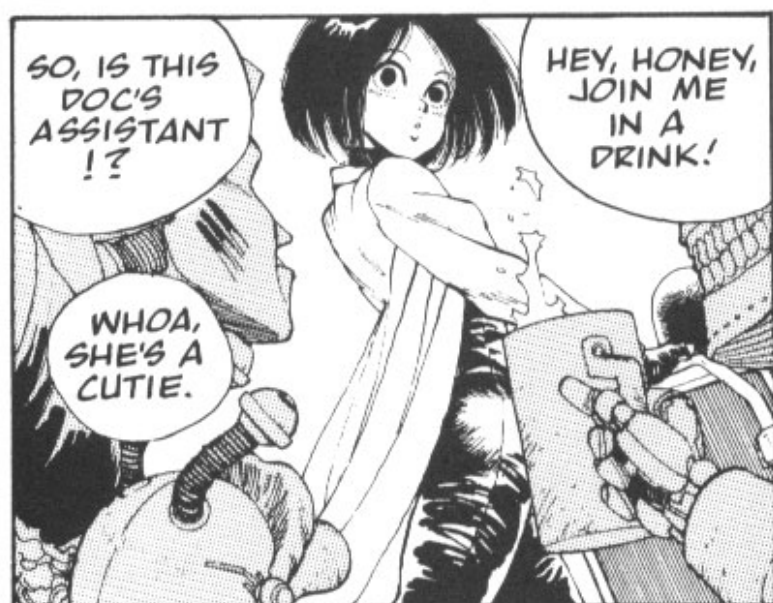
ZAPAN,
HOW'S
THE
ARM?

OH, IT'S
GREAT,
DOC!

DOC--PAY
YOU BACK
NEXT TIME
I SEE YOU,
OKAY?



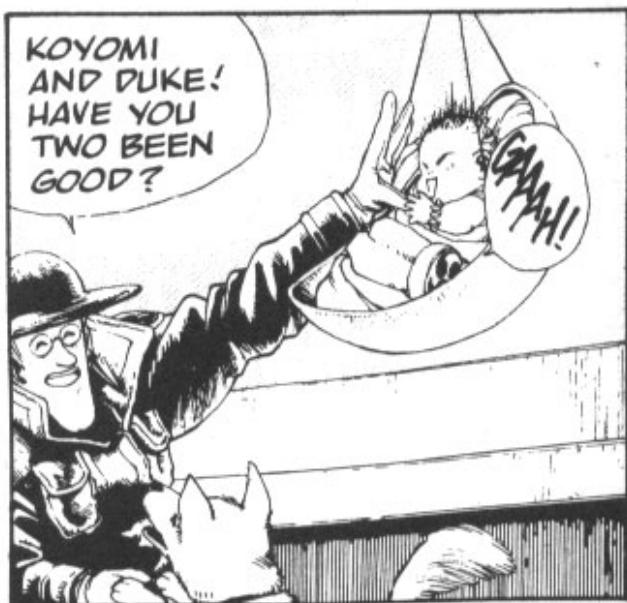
EVERYONE
CALLS
YOU "DOC,"
DAISUKE.



SO, IS THIS
DOC'S
ASSISTANT
!?

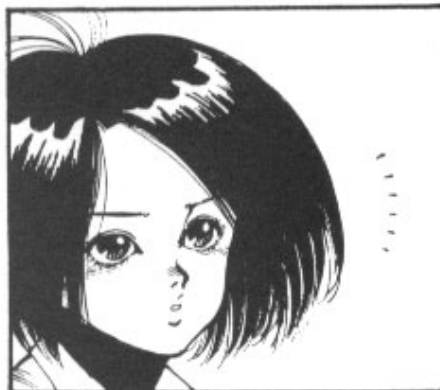
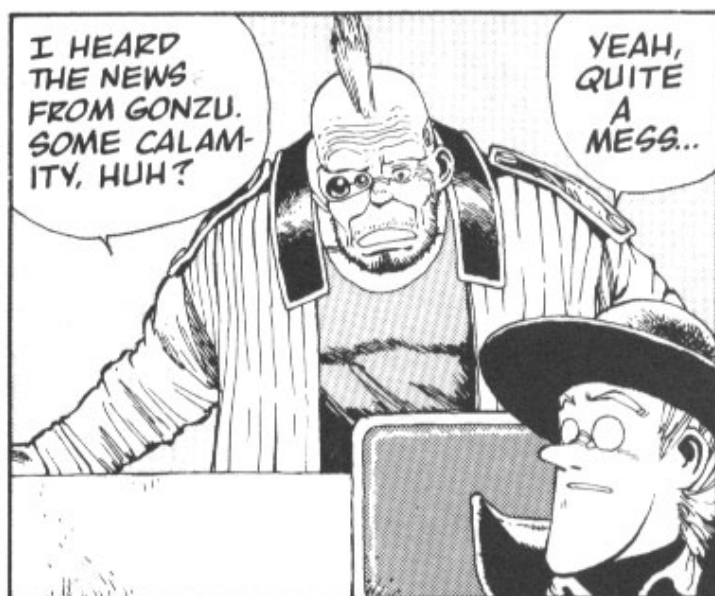
WHOA,
SHE'S A
CUTIE.

HEY, HONEY,
JOIN ME
IN A
DRINK!



KOYOMI
AND DUKE!
HAVE YOU
TWO BEEN
GOOD?

GAAH!





ZAPAN!

HMPH.
NONE OF
MY
BUSINESS
!



WE
BOUNTY
HUNTERS
ARE LONE
WOLVES!

YOU BRING
DOWN YOUR
OWN PREY BY
YOUR OWN
SELF!!



ONLY
AN IDIOT
WOULD
GO AFTER
THAT
SLIMEBALL
MAKAKU.

THAT'S ONE
BOUNTY THAT'S
JUST TOO
DANGEROUS!

HEAVEN
HELP US...

SO FAR,
AT LEAST
TEN
HUNTERS
HAVE BEEN
KILLED
TRYING
TO GET
HIM!



WE CAN'T
JUST PICK
AND CHOOSE
THE CRIM-
INALS WE
GO AFTER!
IT'S NOT
RIGHT!

IF A FRIEND
WAS ABOUT TO
BE KILLED BY
MAKAKU RIGHT
BEFORE YOUR
EYES, WOULD
YOU JUST
TURN THE
OTHER WAY!?



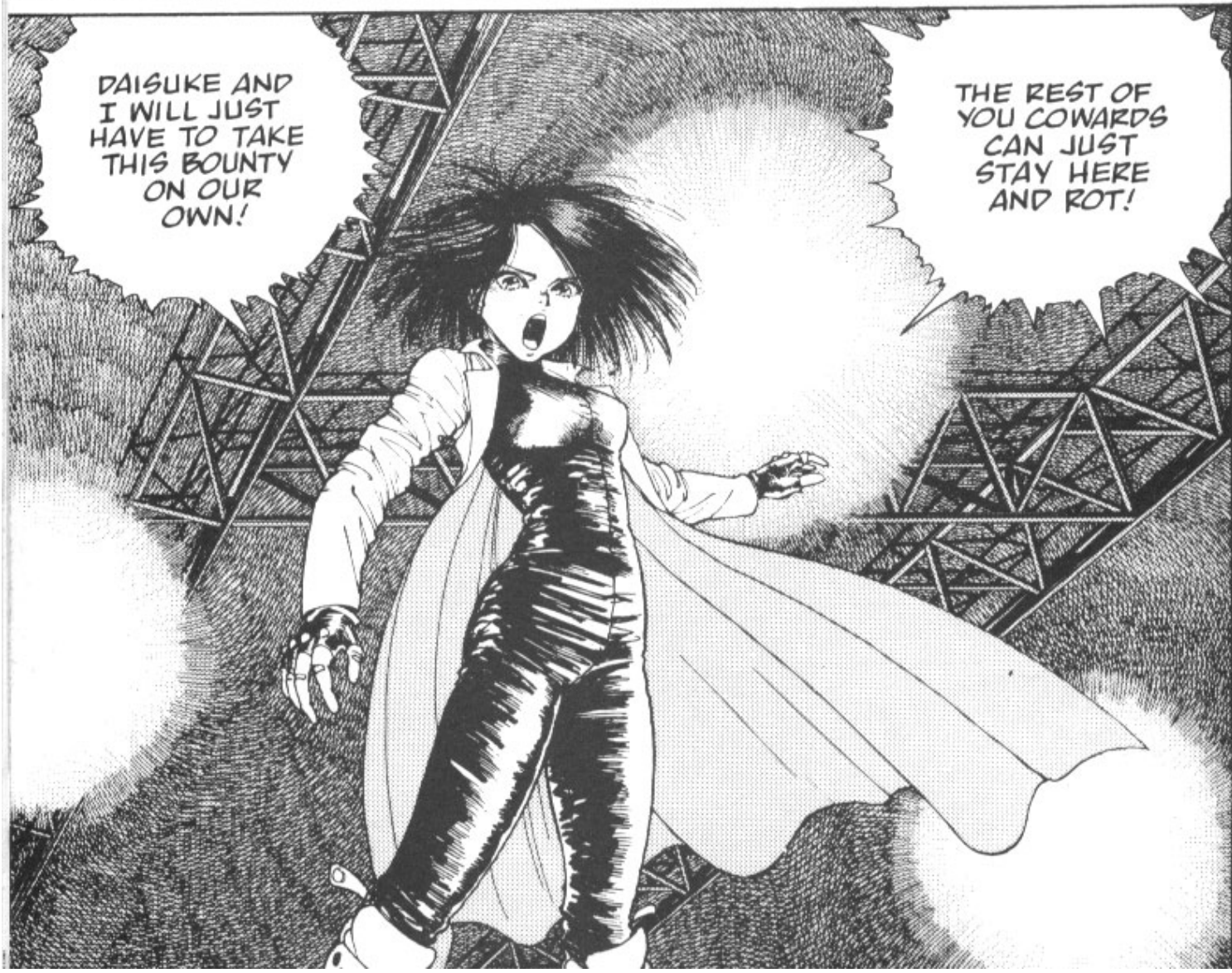
SHADDUP!
NOBODY
PREACHES
TO ME
!





WHY NOT JUST
BE HONEST AND
SAY, "I DON'T
WANT TO FIGHT
MAKAKU BECAUSE
HE SCARES
THE PISS OUT
OF ME!"

THERE
ARE ONLY
TWO HUNTER-
WARRIORS
IN THIS
ROOM!



DAISUKE AND
I WILL JUST
HAVE TO TAKE
THIS BOUNTY
ON OUR
OWN!

THE REST OF
YOU COWARDS
CAN JUST
STAY HERE
AND ROT!

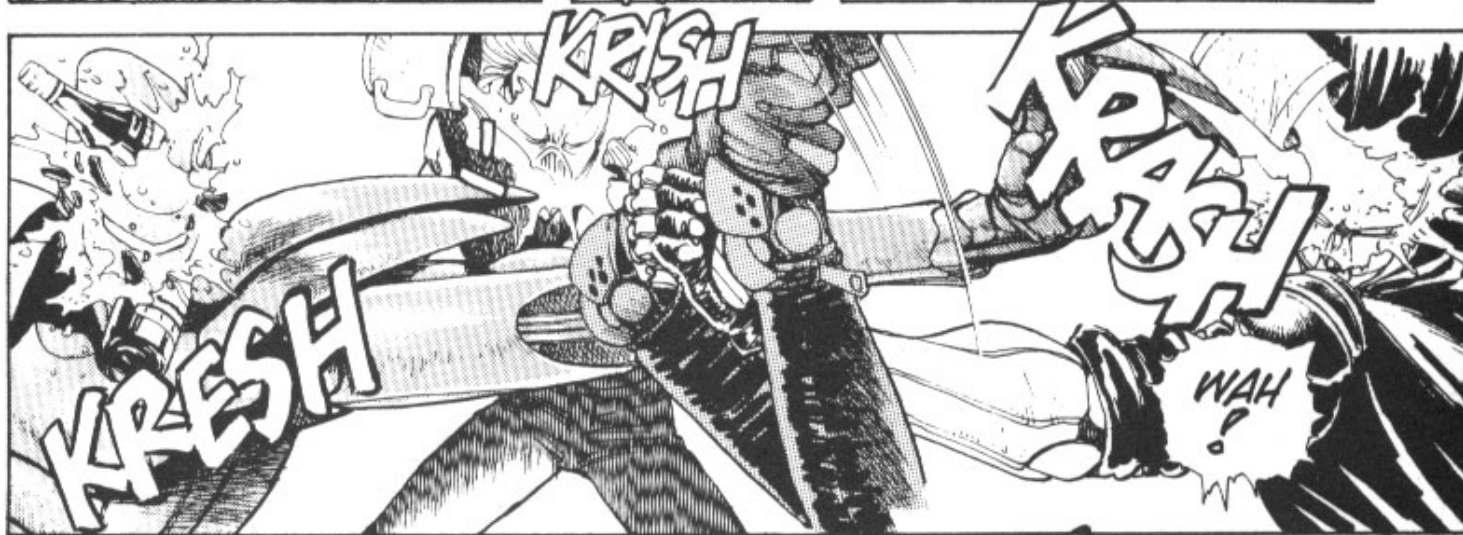


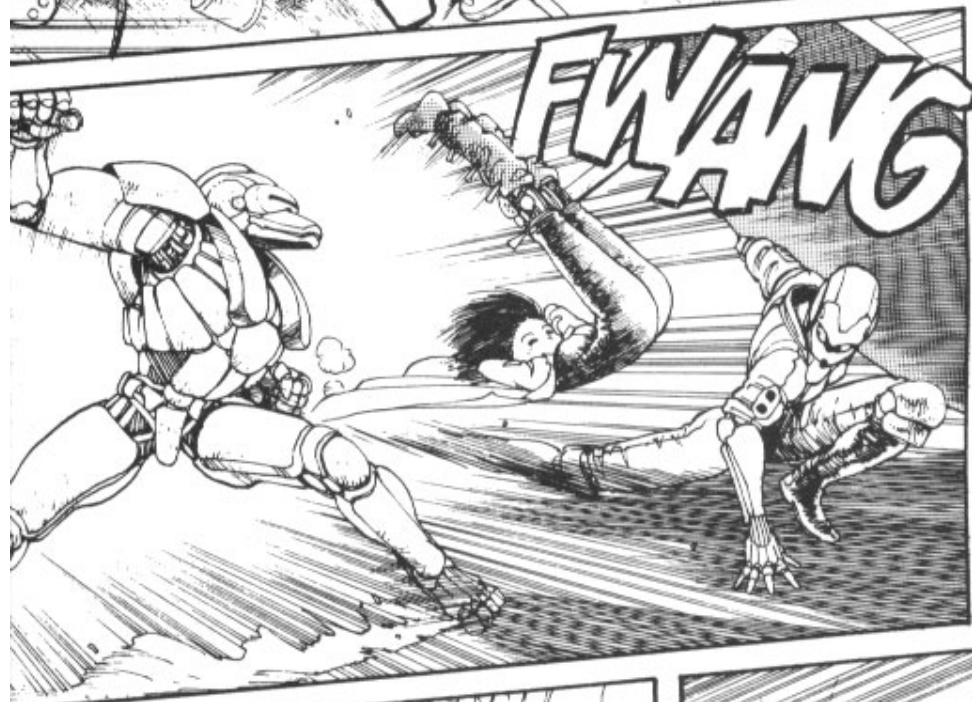
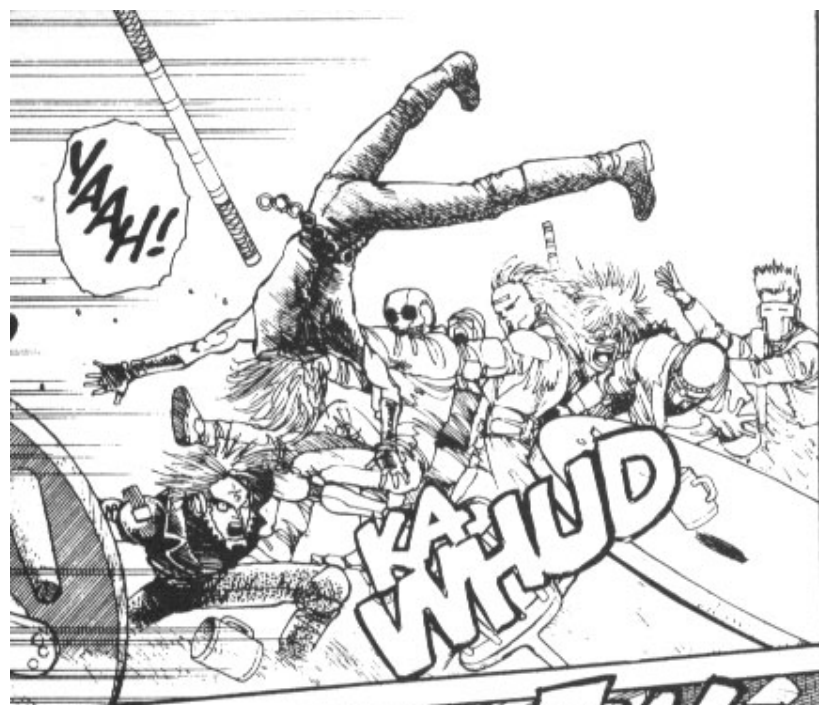
MAYBE I'LL
RIP OUT YOUR
ARMS AND LEGS
AND ROLL YOUR
HEAD IN THE
STREET TO
TEACH YOU SOME
MANNERS.

UMP

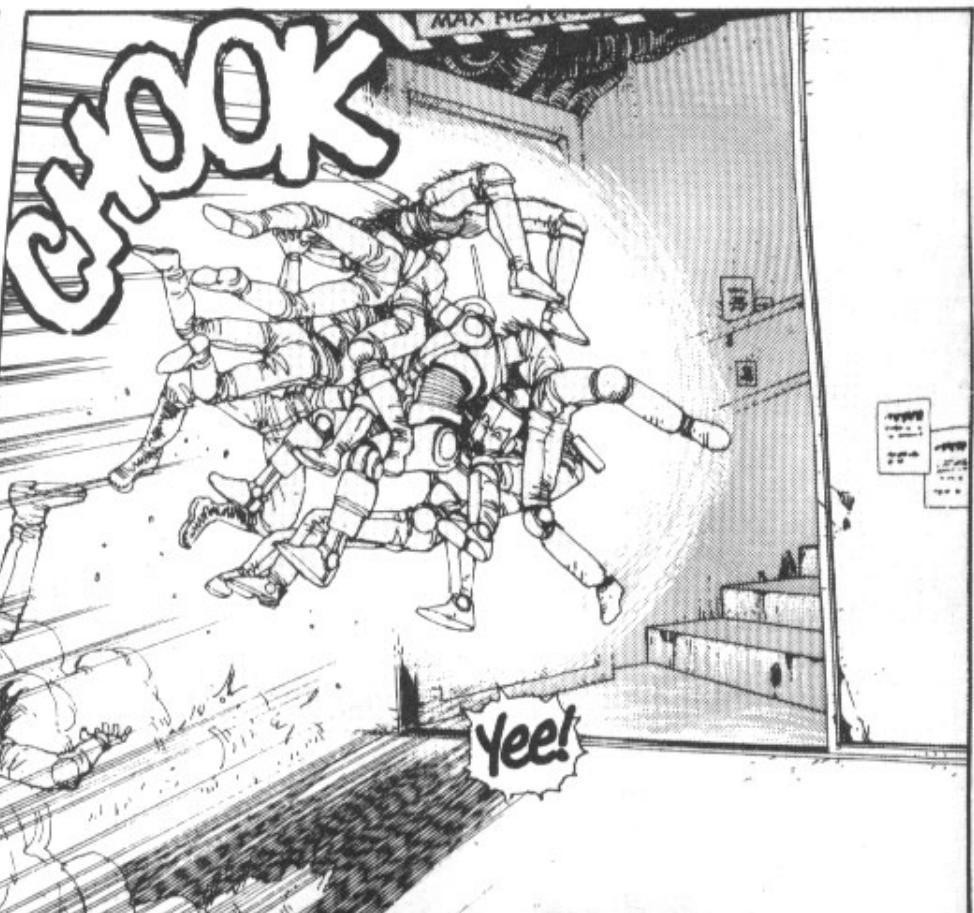
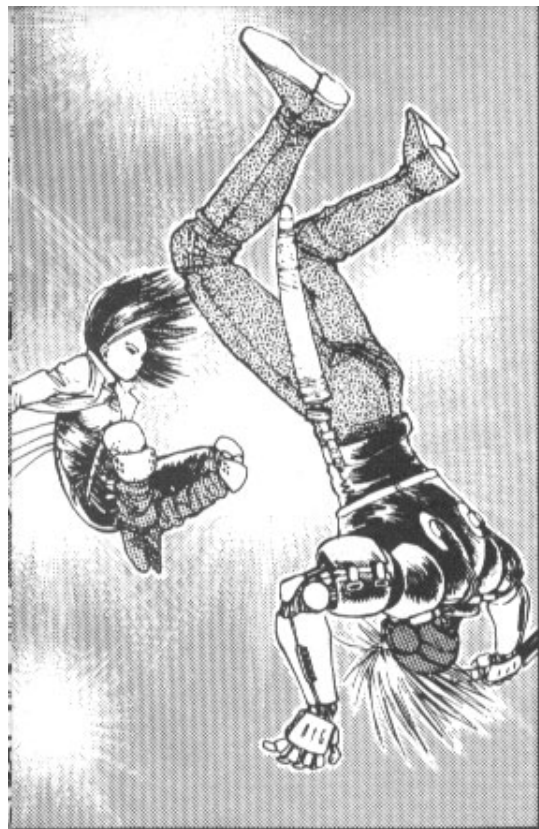
CHIK CHAK

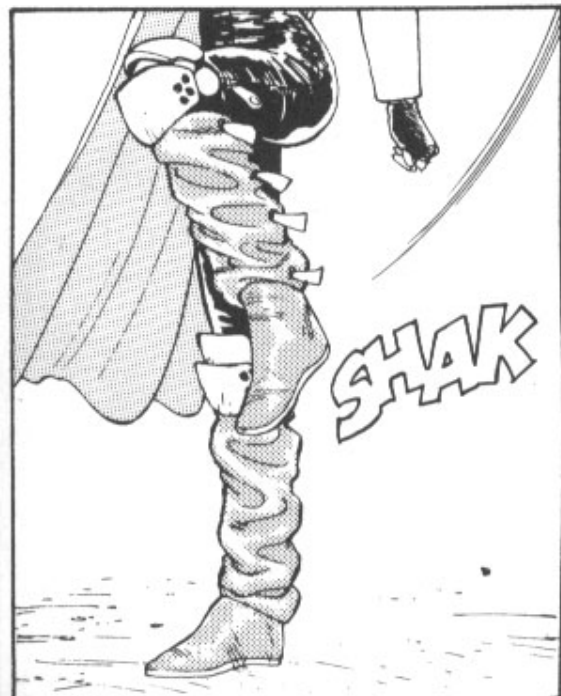
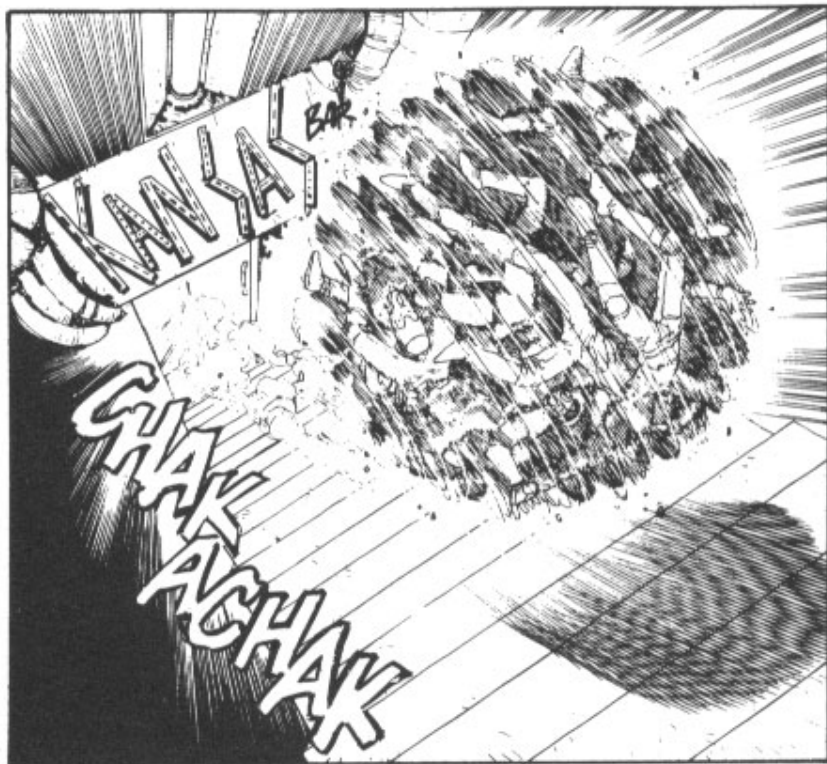
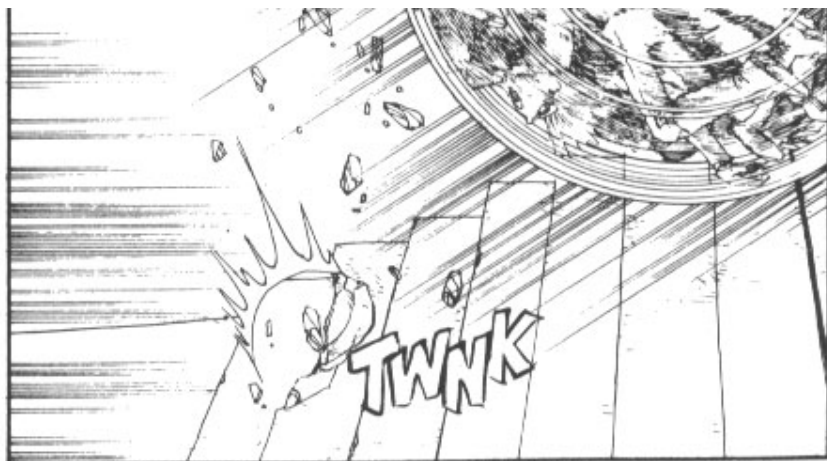


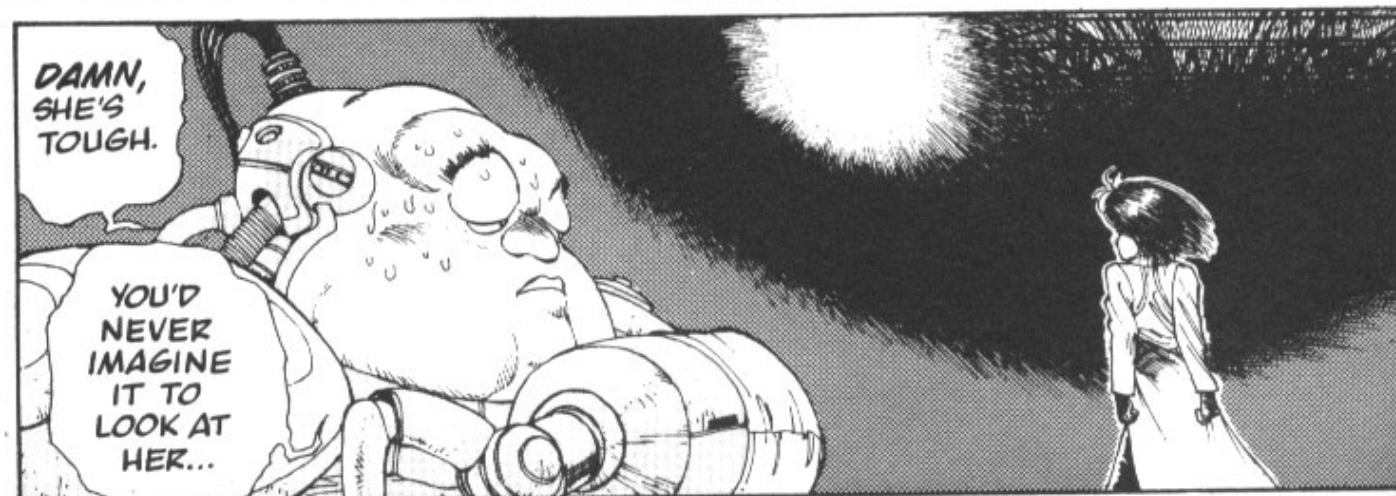
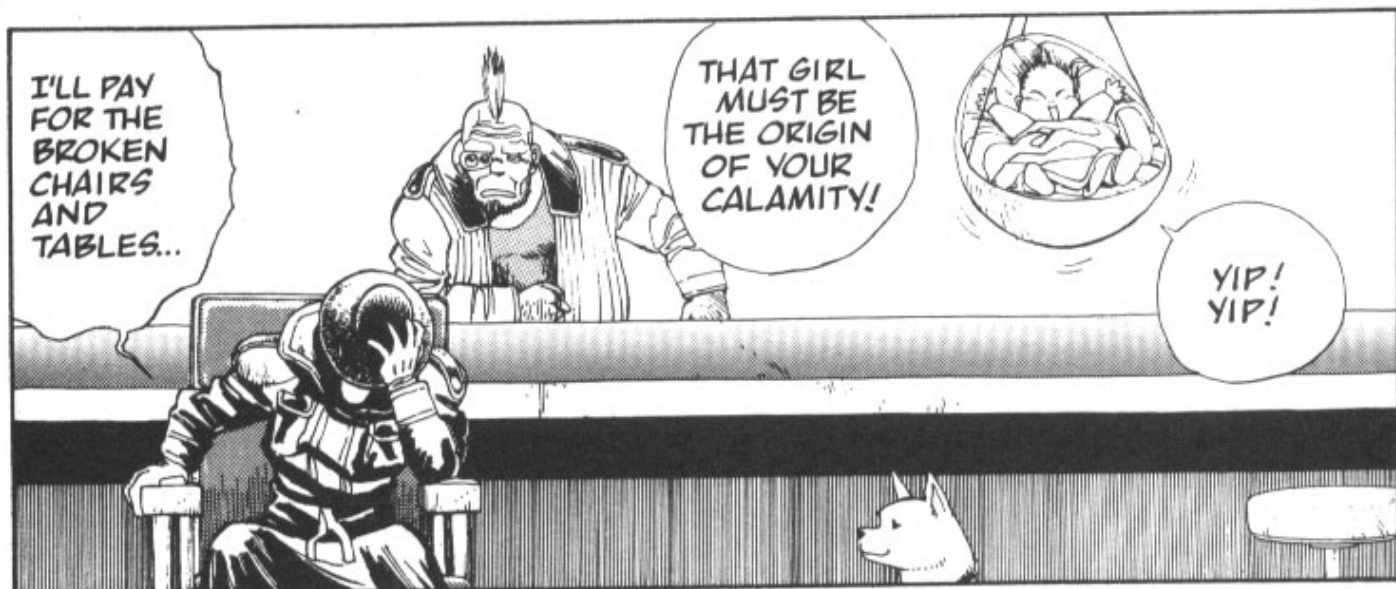


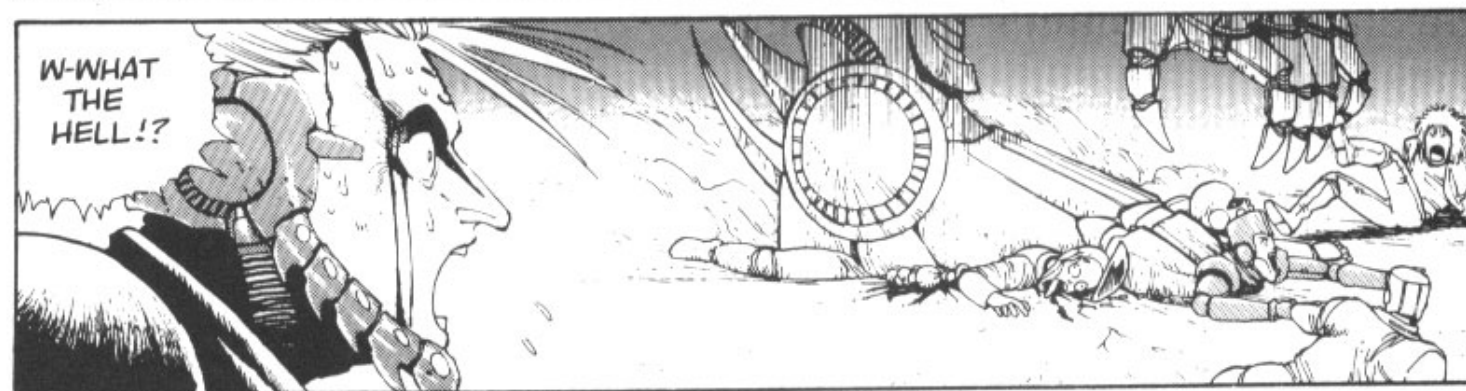


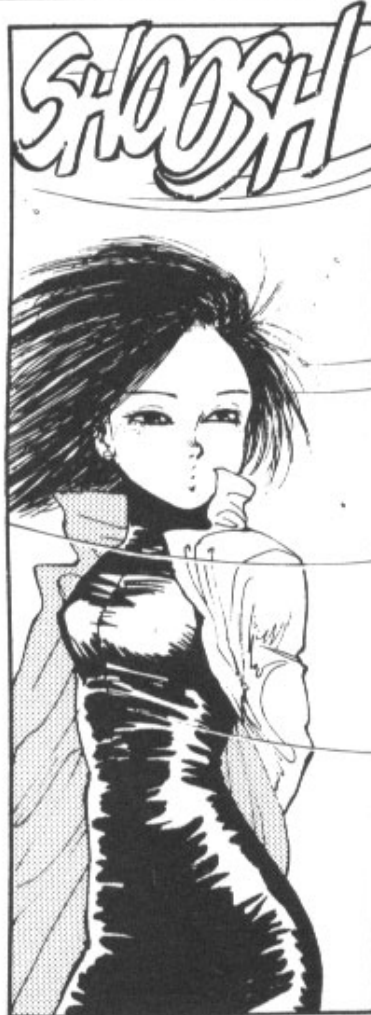
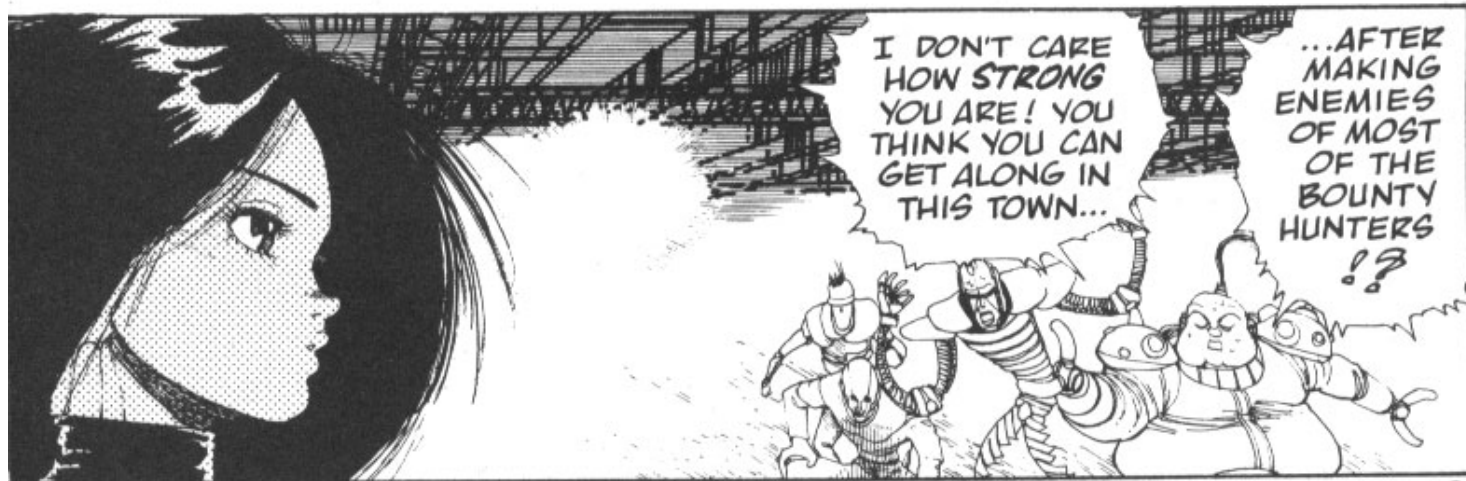
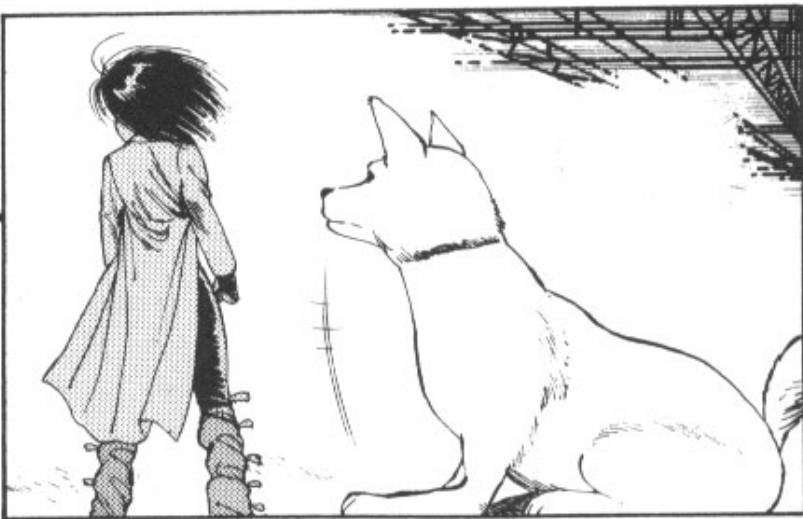
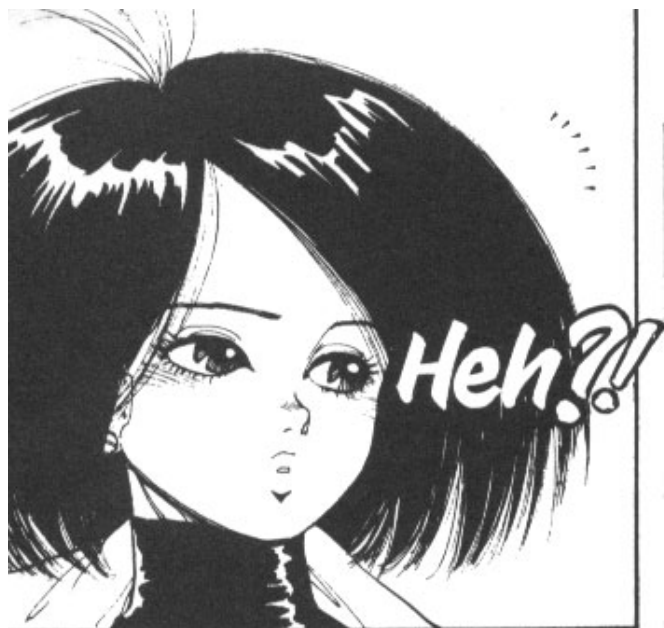


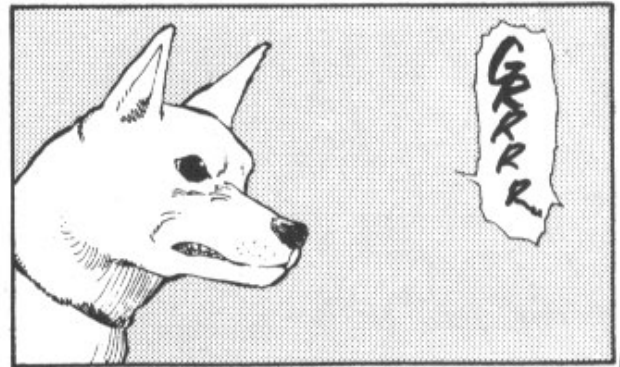




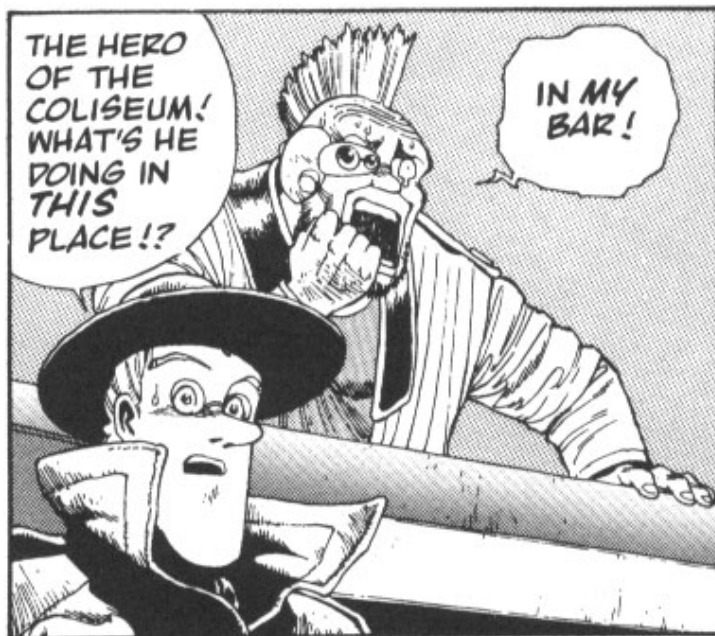


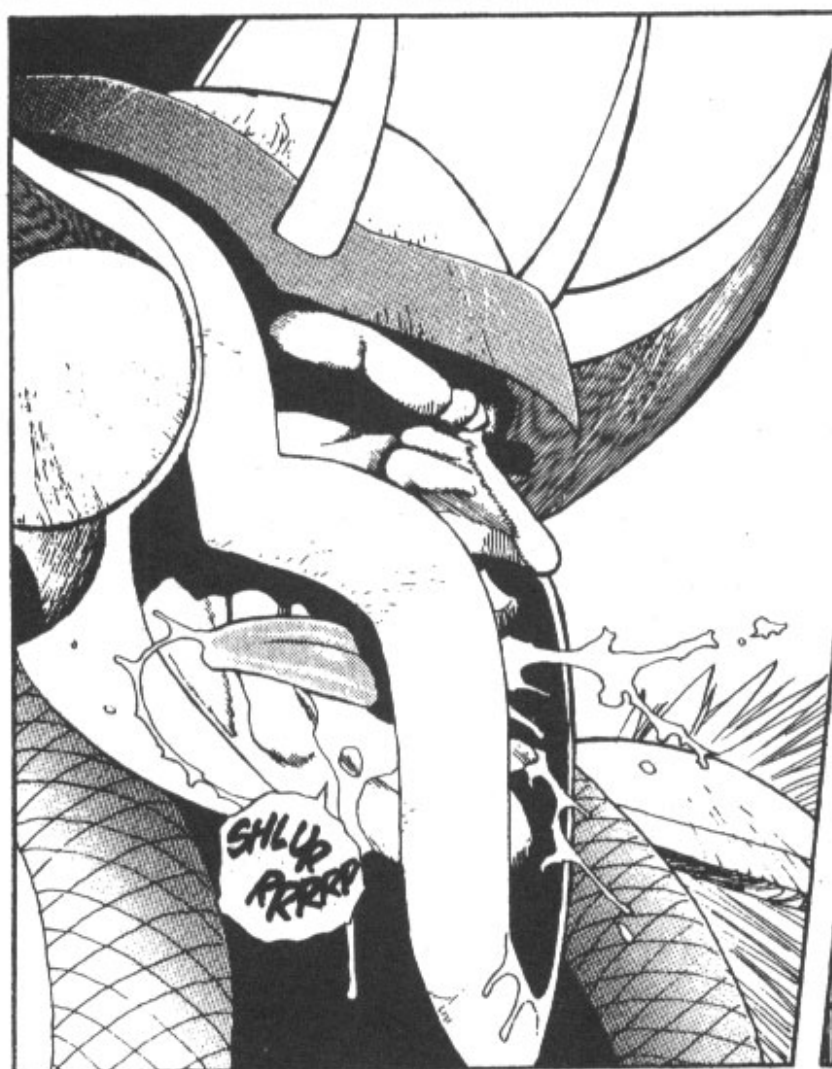
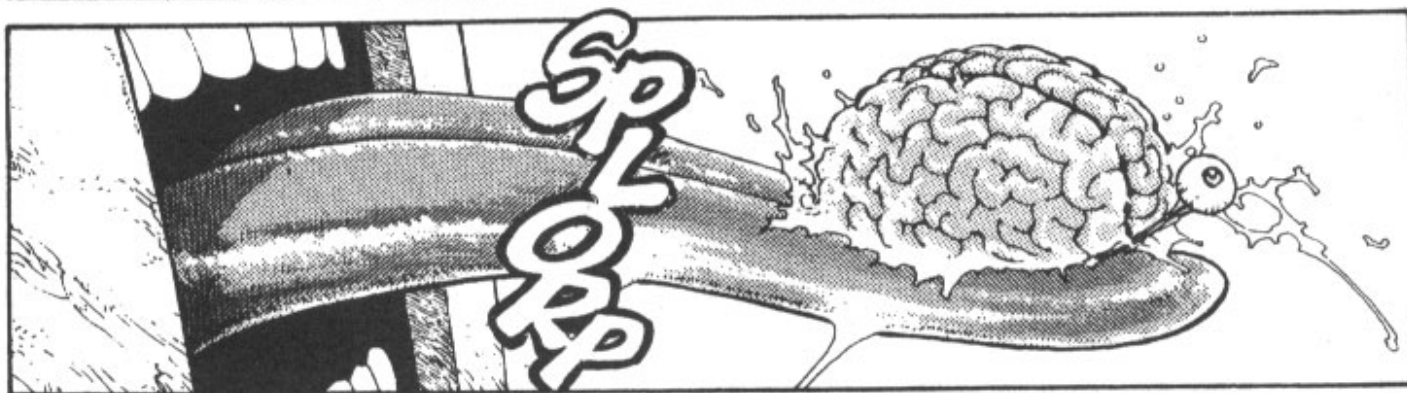










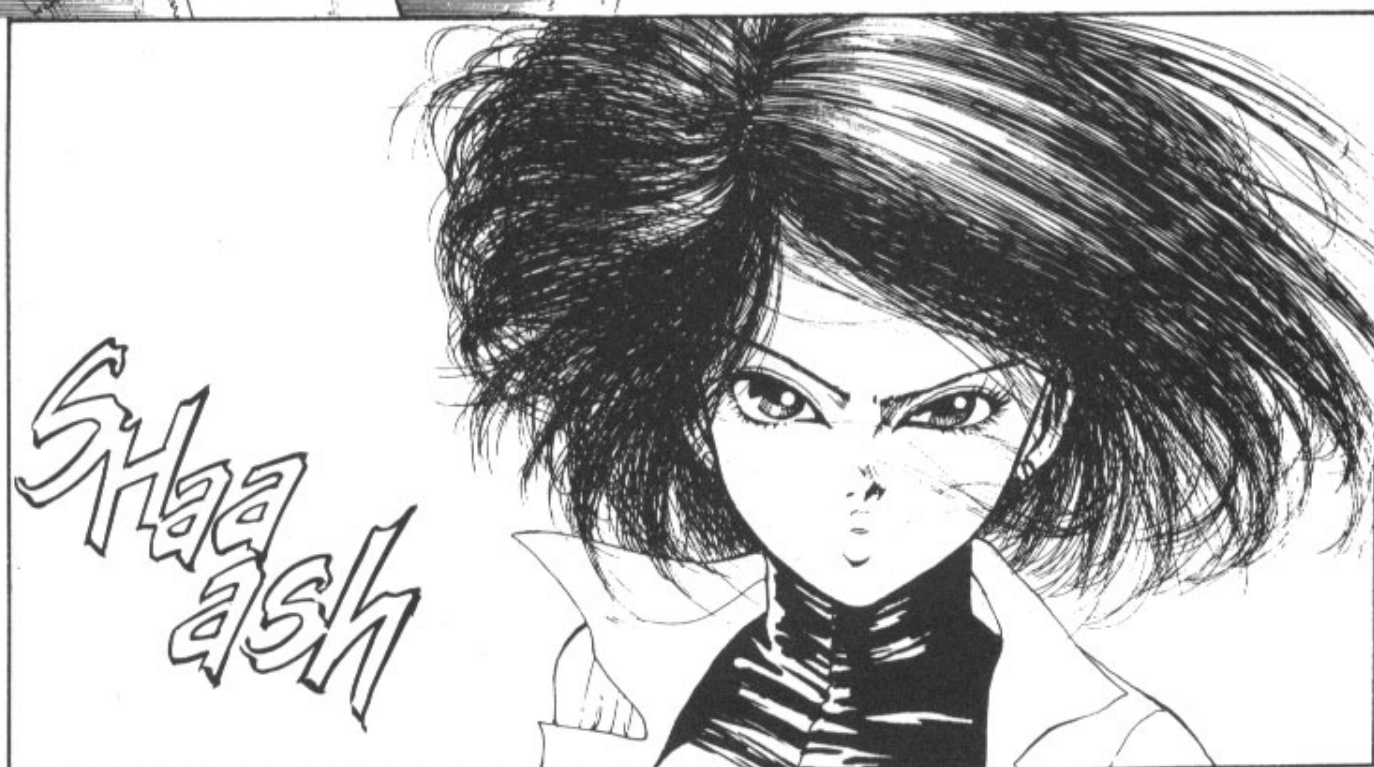




I'VE
COME TO
SEE YOU,
BABY!

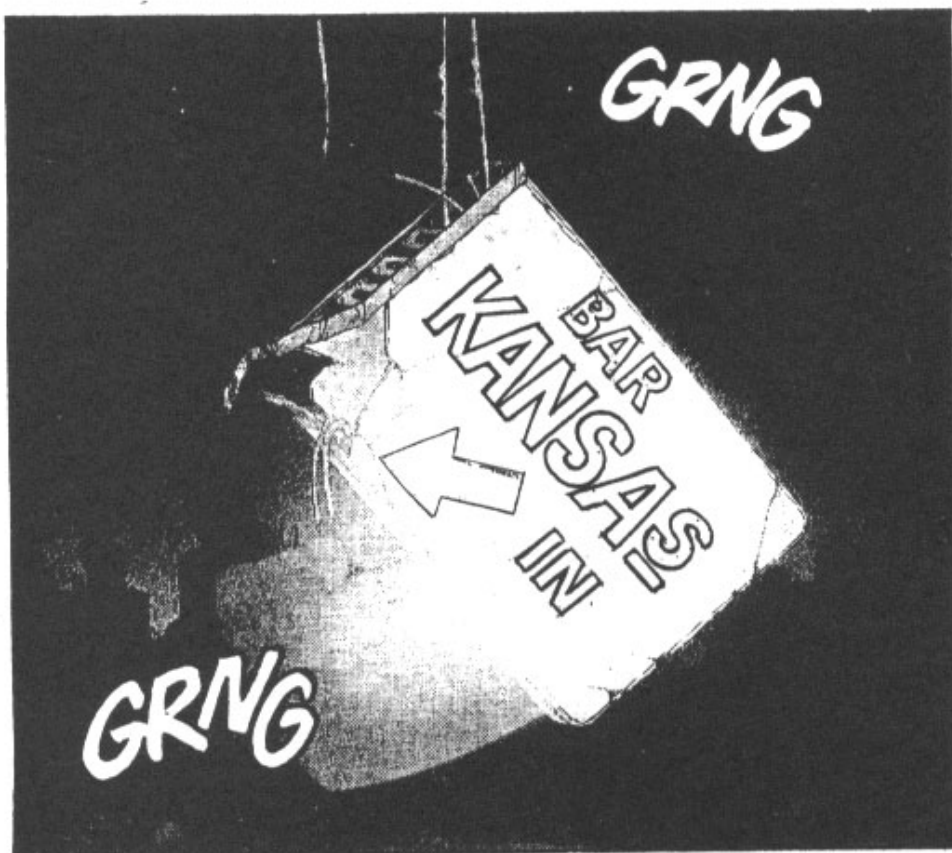
MAKAKU...

...THIS...
THING
HAS GOTTEN
HOLD OF
KINUBA'S
POWER!?



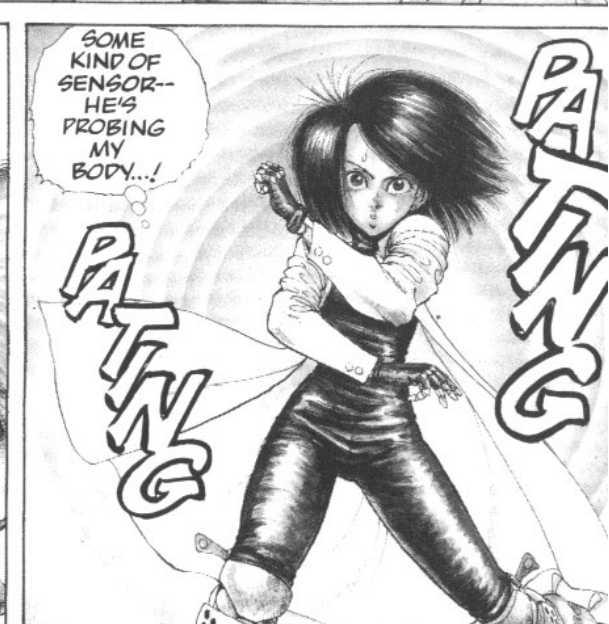
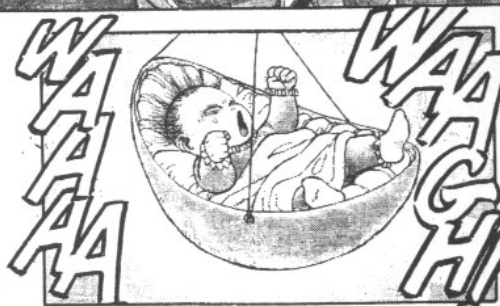
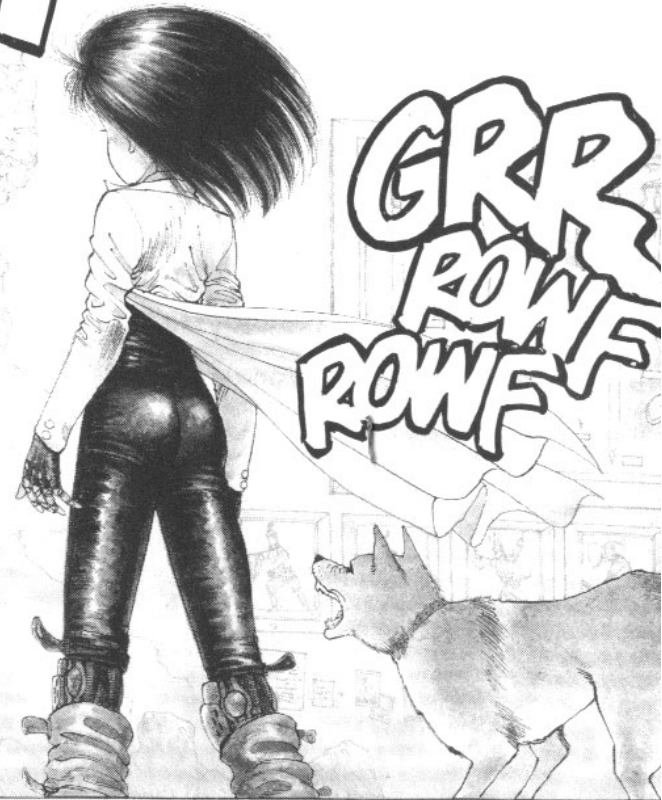
Shaa
ash





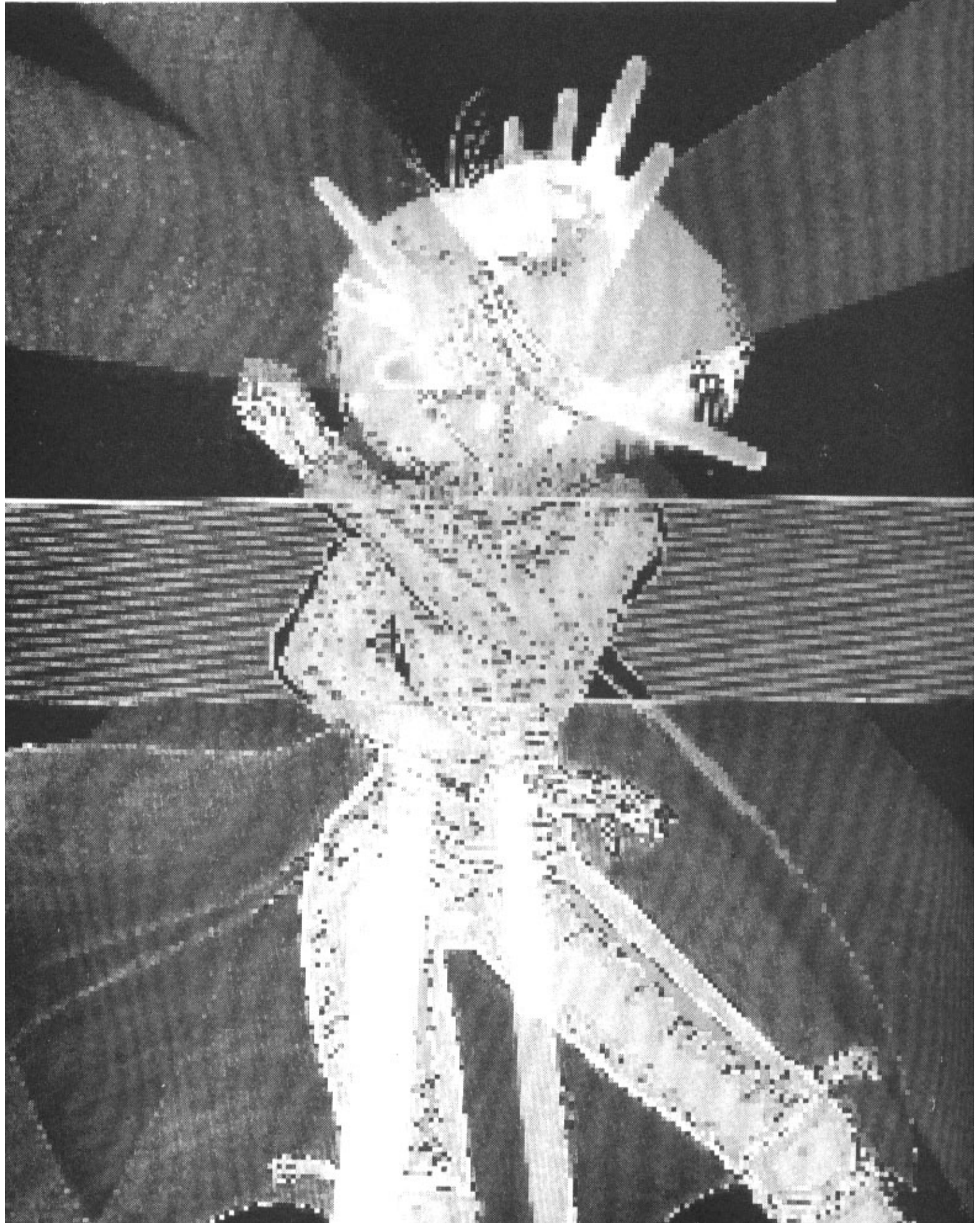


KRESH



HELL TRAP

Battle 5: Responsibility





I
WANT
YOU...

SLURRRP



...AND
WHAT I
WANT,
I GET.

...MY
DESIRE,
PRETTY
THING...

I'LL NEVER
FORGET THE
AGONY OF
HAVING
THIS EYE
CRUSHED--
BUT I
WON'T KILL
YOU...



...IS TO RIP
YOUR LIMBS OFF
WHILE YOU STILL
HAVE LIFE... TO
TURN YOU, CRYING
AND SCREAMING,
INTO A LIVING
PENDANT WITH
WHICH TO ADORN
MY CHEST!

THERE COULD
BE NO GREATER
HAPPINESS
THAN TO HEAR
YOUR PLEADING
VOICE EVERY
MOMENT,
EVERY DAY.

WELL? DON'T
YOU THINK
THAT'S A
WONDERFUL
IDEA!?

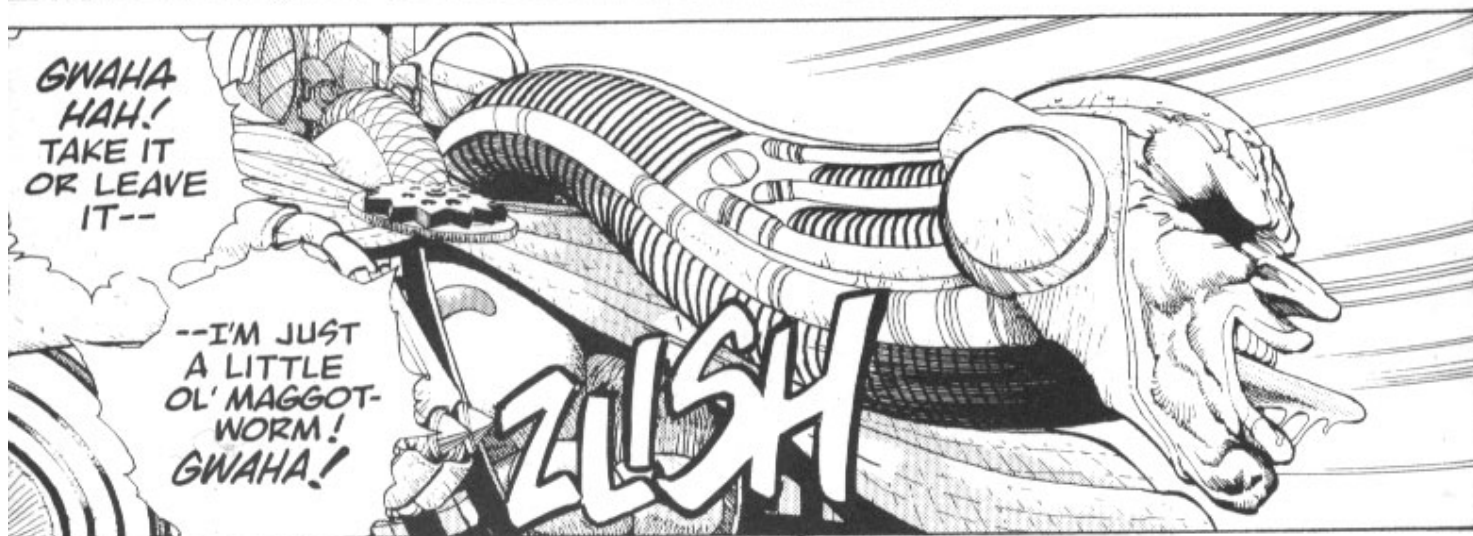


...ohhh...

...SO WICKED...
SO VICIOUS...
SO SAD.



IF PAIN
IS ALL THAT
CAN MAKE
YOU FEEL
"HAPPINESS"...
I GUESS
WE'RE NOT
BEYOND
GOOD AND
EVIL...HOW
PITIFUL...



GWAAHA
HAH!
TAKE IT
OR LEAVE
IT--

--I'M JUST
A LITTLE
OL' MAGGOT-
WORM!
GWAAHA!

ZLISH

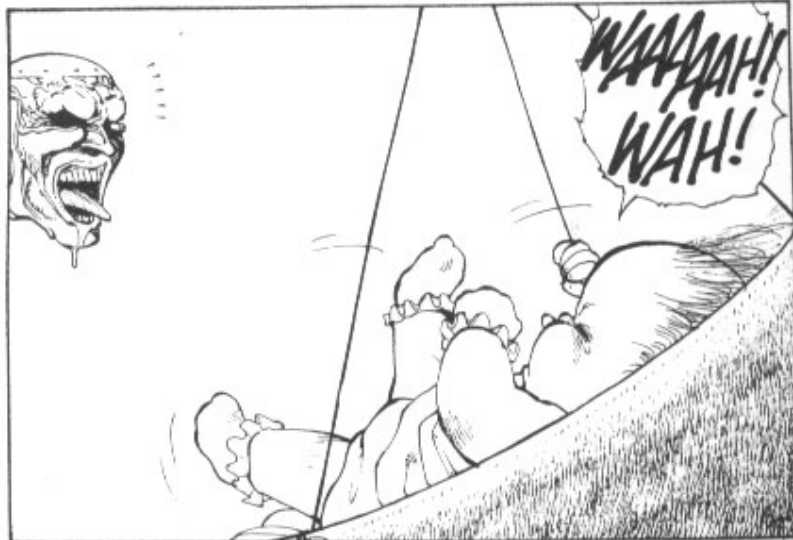


GWA
HA
HA
?

EEE!

OH,
NO!

FLEK
FLEK
FLEK

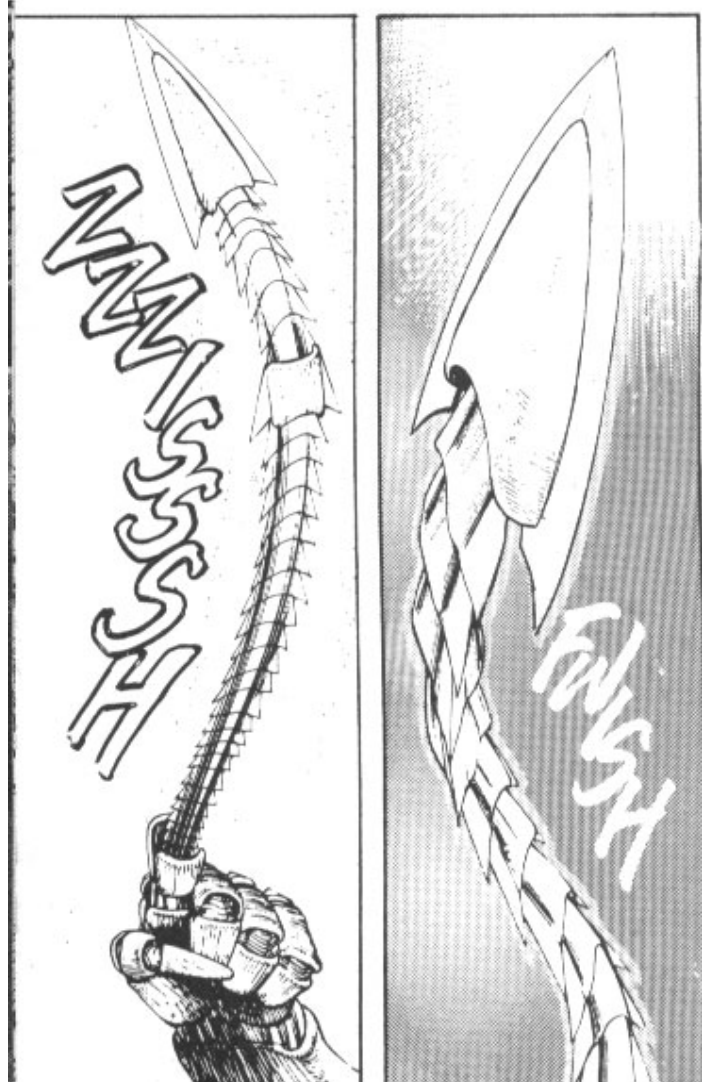
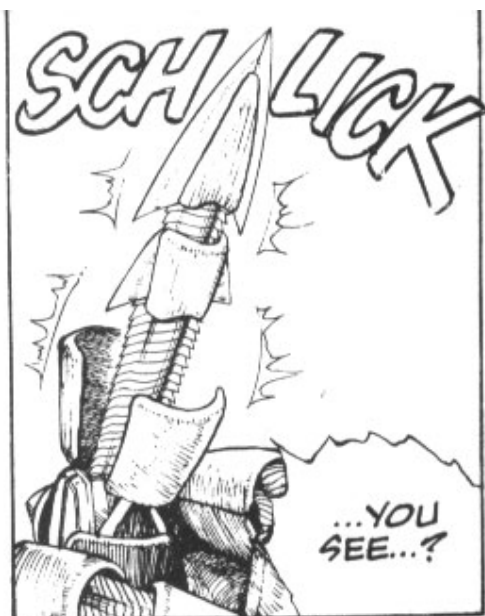


WAAAAH!
WAH!



HEE,
HEE...







ON YOUR
KNEES,
GIRL!

I MAY BE A
MAGGOT-WORM-
BUT I'M THE
KING OF THE
MAGGOT-WORMS!
GWAHA!



YOU THINK
THIS IS A
THREAT?!



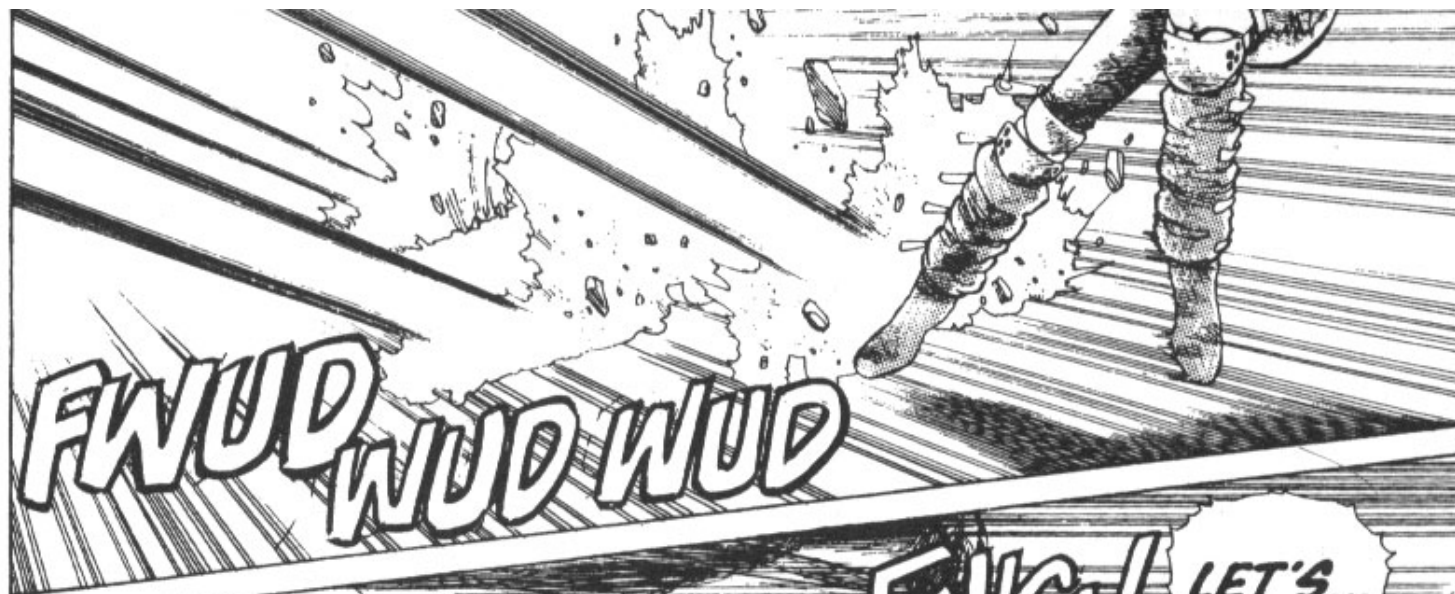
DON'T
UNDERESTIMATE
ALITA, YOU
SNAKE-NECK!



HEH, HEH--
YOU DON'T
COMPREHEND
MY POWER,
DO YOU?







FWUD WUD WUD

FWISH LET'S...

FWASH

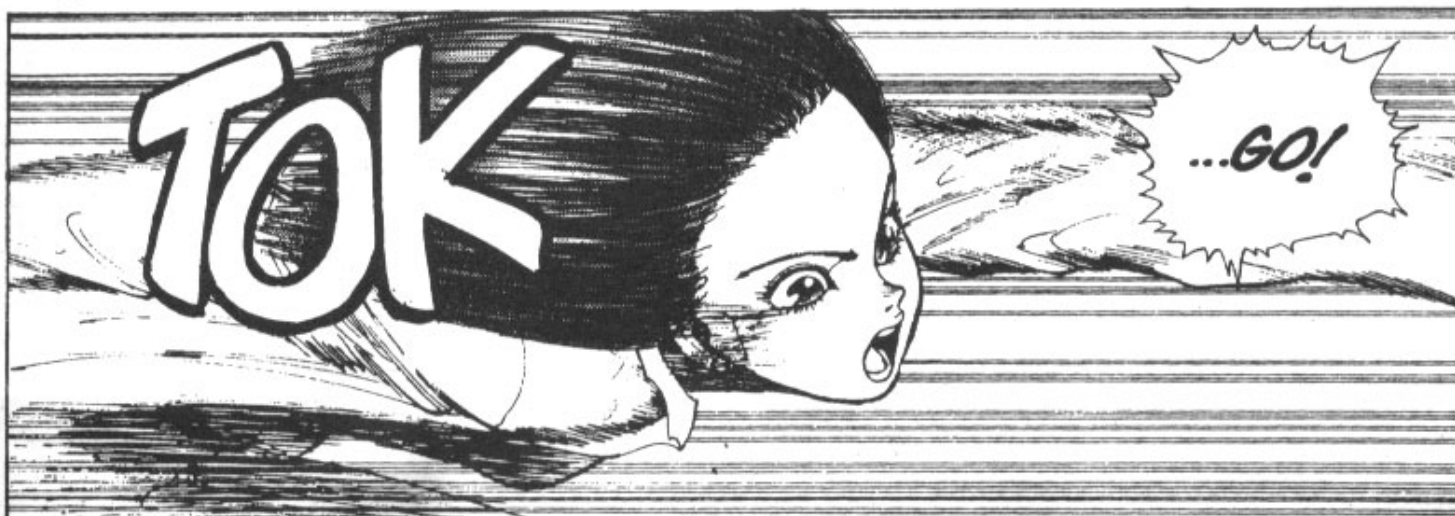
I'M TOO SMALL--
THE ONLY WAY I
CAN POSSIBLY
BRING DOWN
MAKAKU IS TO FLY
RIGHT INTO HIS
FACE AND DELIVER
A KILLING BLOW!



SKREEEE



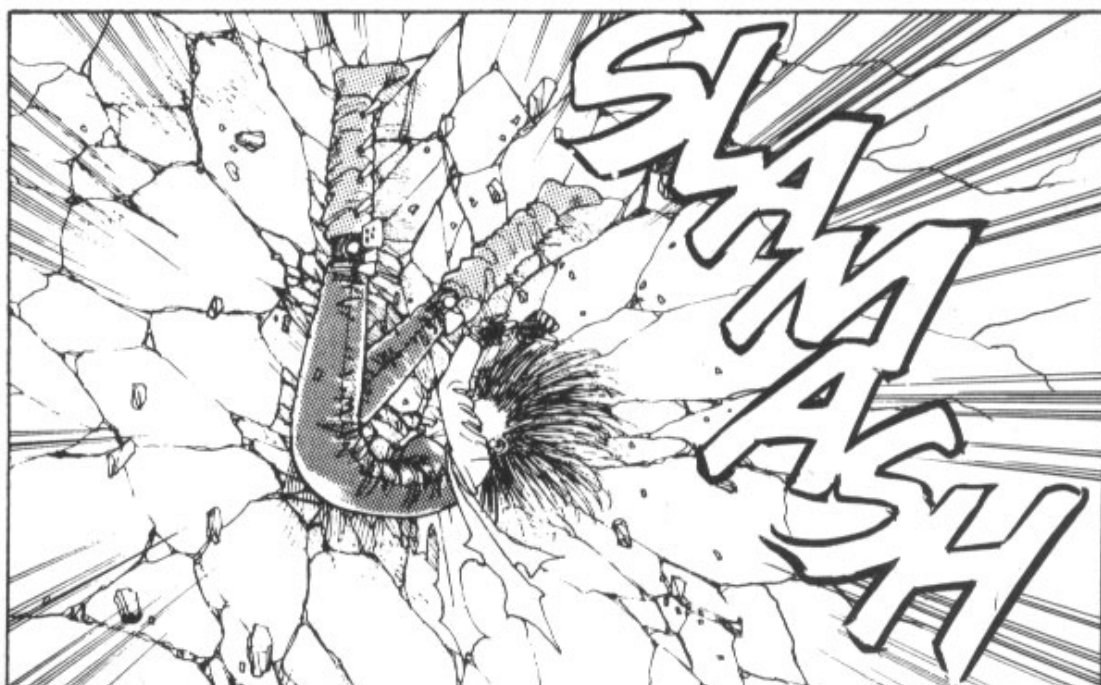
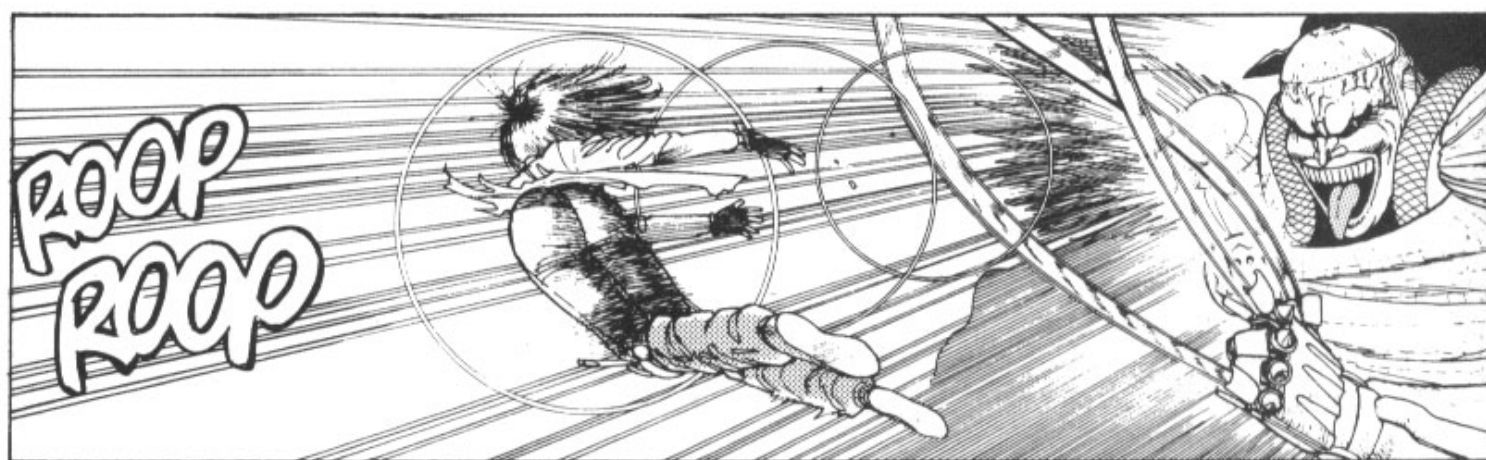
KRAK



TOK

...GO!







Ugh...

**TOKA
POK**

U...



GWAHAHAHA.
IT'S SO CUTE
HOW YOU GET
ALL ANGRY AND
UPSET... CAN'T
YOU TAKE
A LITTLE
TEASING?

SCHLOOK



IF I WERE A
CRUEL MAN,
YOU'D HAVE
BEEN IN PIECES
LONG AGO,
MISS ALITA!

YOU SEE,
THERE ARE GRIND
CUTTERS BUILT
INTO ALL FIVE
FINGERS OF
MY LEFT HAND.
YUMMY, EH?

SLOOORP

EVEN WITH
ALITA'S
"PANZER KUNST"
FIGHTING
TECHNIQUE
AND
"BERSERKER"
BODY...

...SHE'S NO
MATCH FOR
MAKAKU'S
NEW
FORM!

AND IN
THIS DAMN
WHEELCHAIR,
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN
DO!

BAM

BAM

BAM

DAMN
!

BUT
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I DON'T
GET...

...MAKAKU'S
ATTITUDE TOWARDS
ALITA... ON THE
SURFACE, HE SEEMS
TO BE PICKING ON
SOMEONE WHO'S
WEAK, BUT THAT'S
NOT IT! IT
COULDN'T BE...

HORRIBLE!
IT'S TOO
HORRIBLE
A
THOUGHT,
BUT...

C-
COULD
IT BE
THAT
MAKAKU
IS...

...IS HE
IN LOVE
WITH
ALITA!?

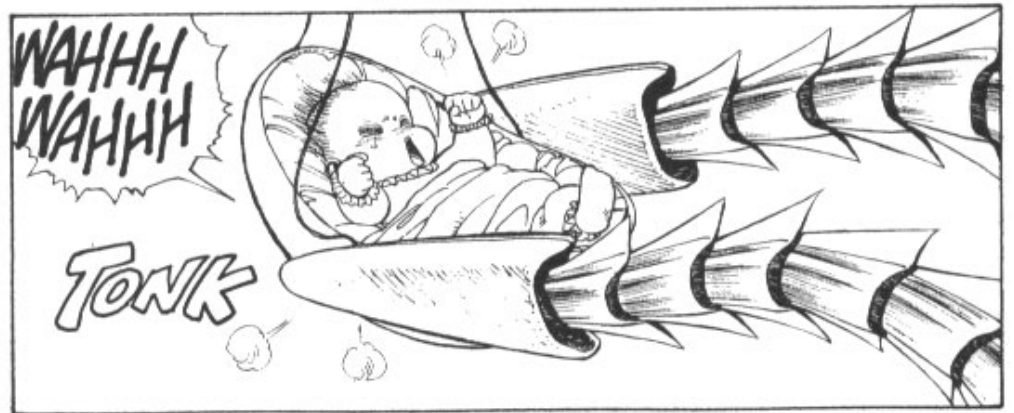
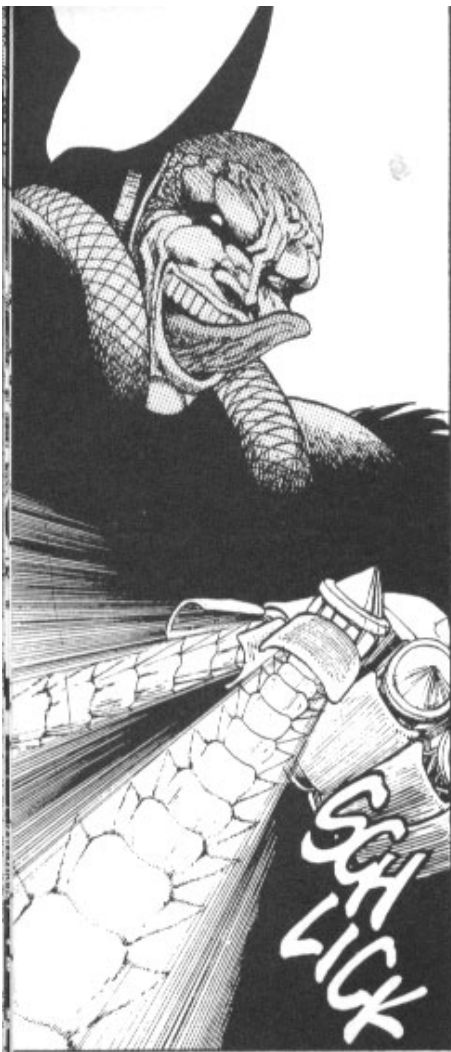
WE'LL
ALL BE
KILLED!

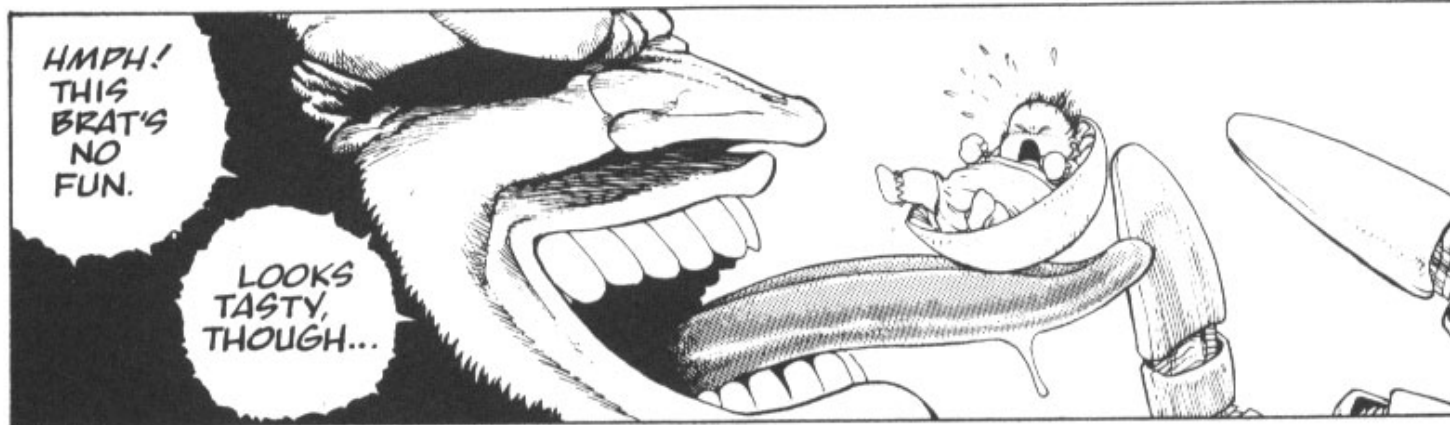
YUCK!
I DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE MY
BRAINS
EATEN!

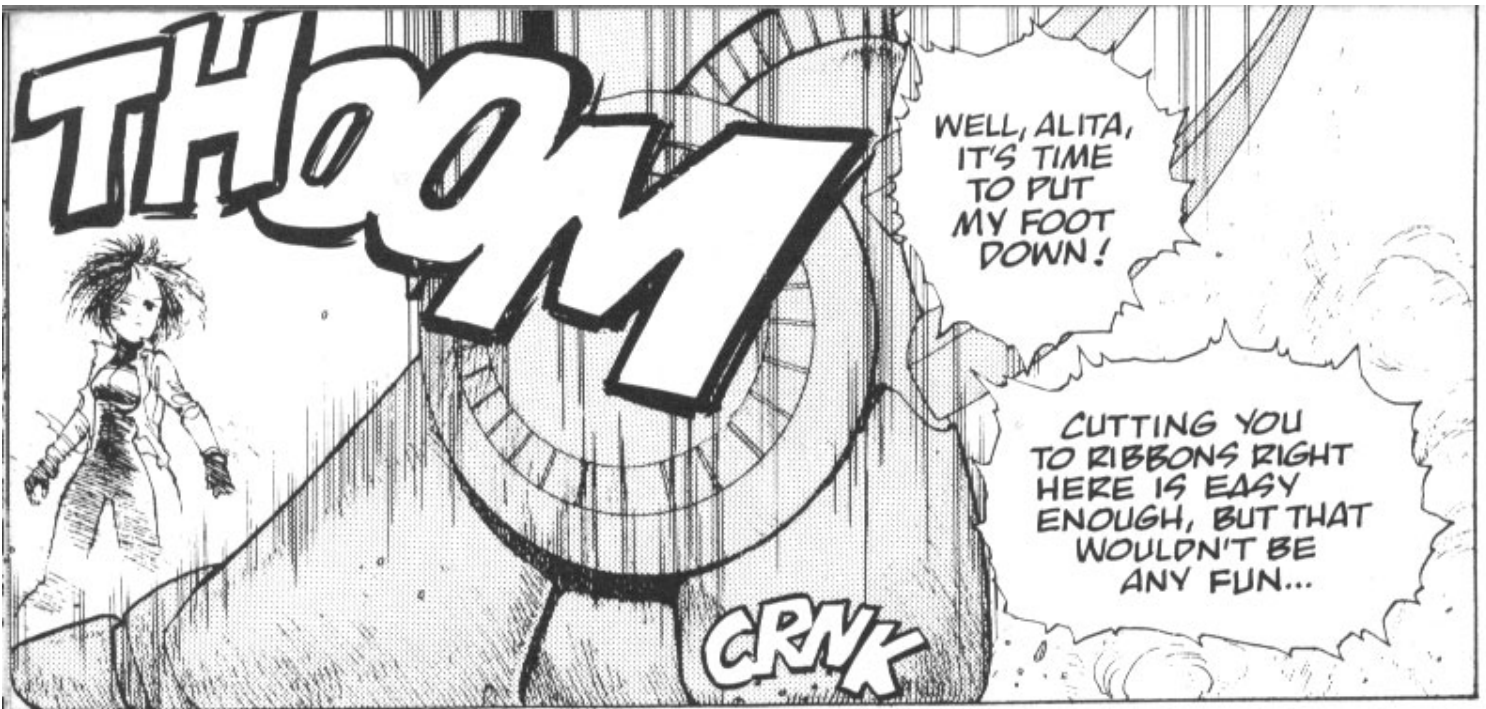
ARF

IS IT TRUE
THAT WITH YOUR
BRAIN EATEN,
YOU CAN'T BE
BROUGHT BACK
TO LIFE, EVEN AS
A CYBORG!?

BE
QUIET
!









IF YOU
WANT THE
BRAT BACK,
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
GET HER
YOURSELF
!

I'LL BE
WAITING!
GWAHA
HAHA
HA!

Fwoop



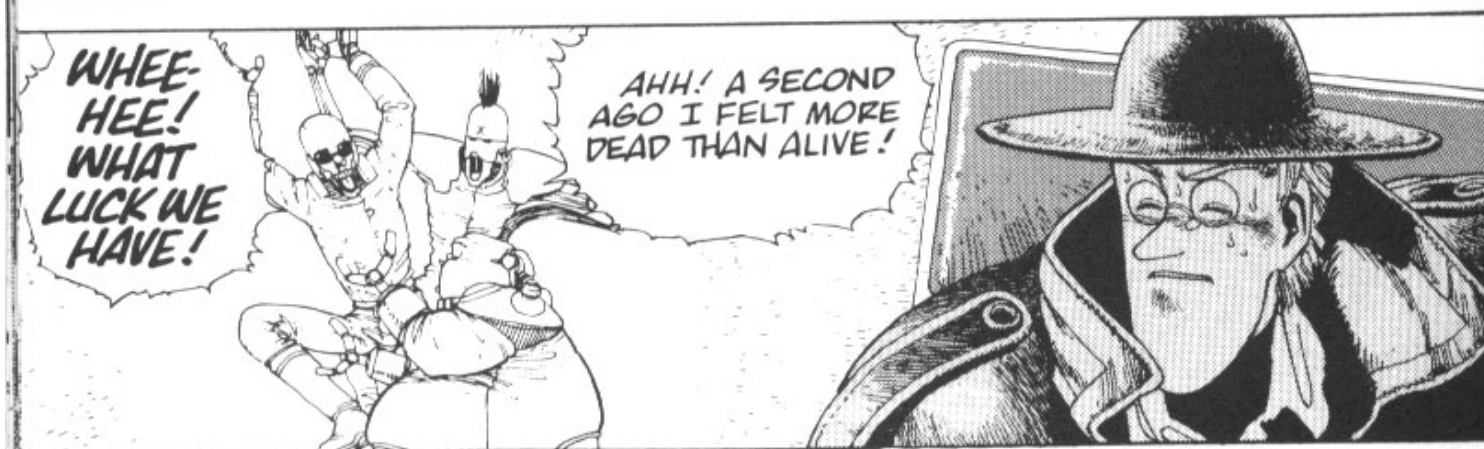
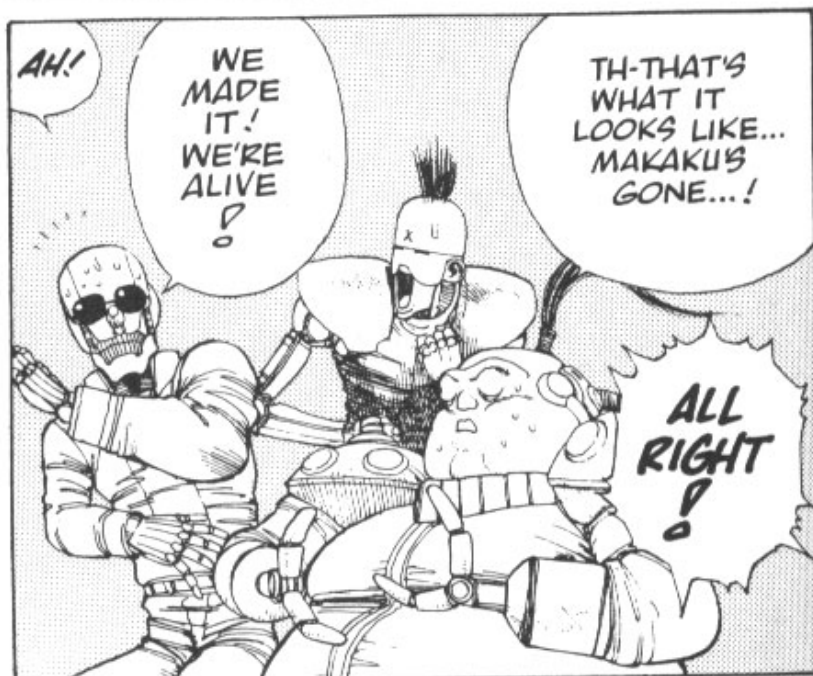
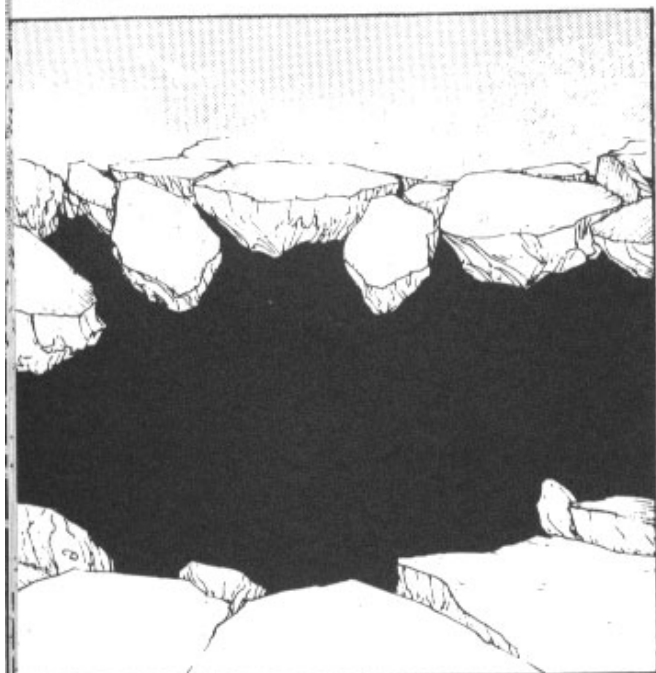
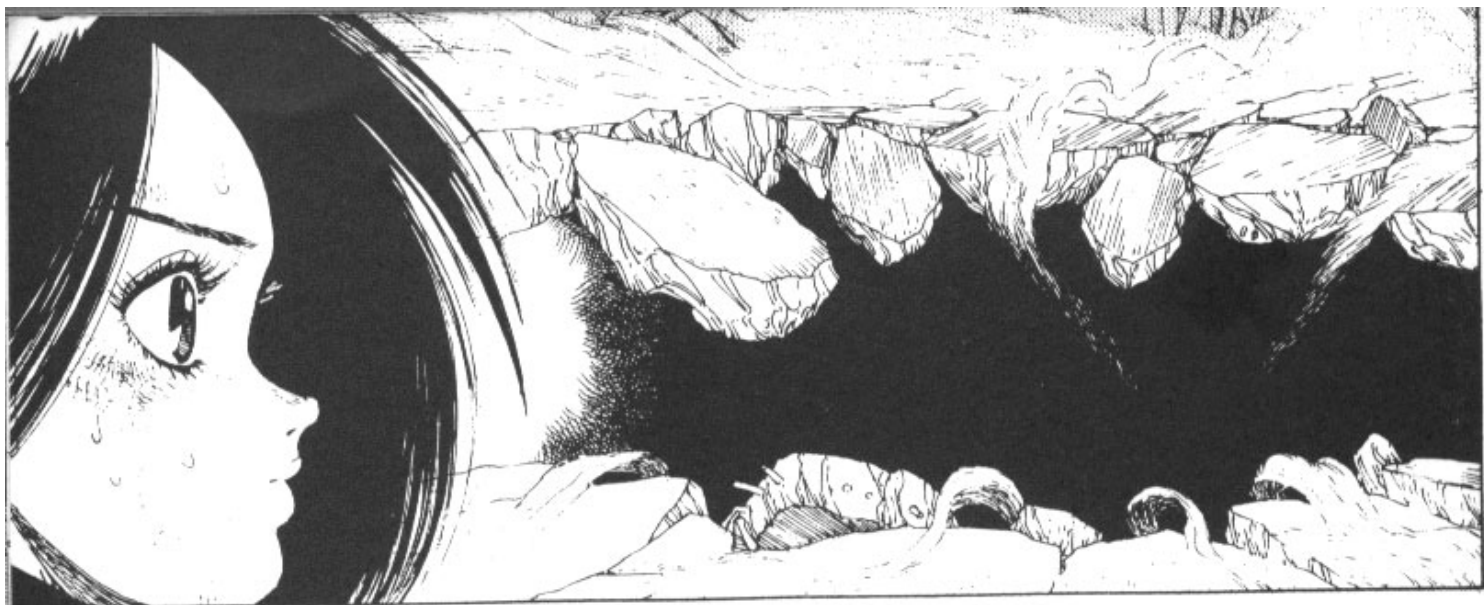
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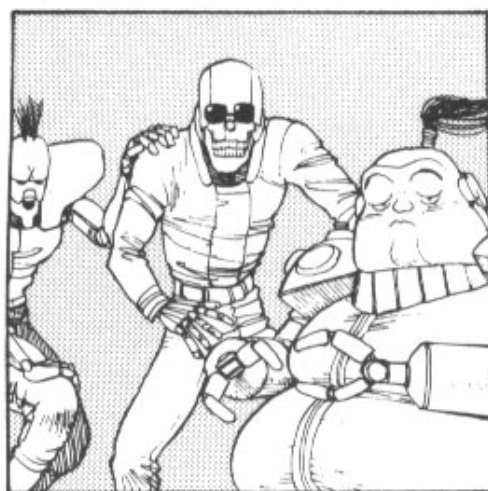
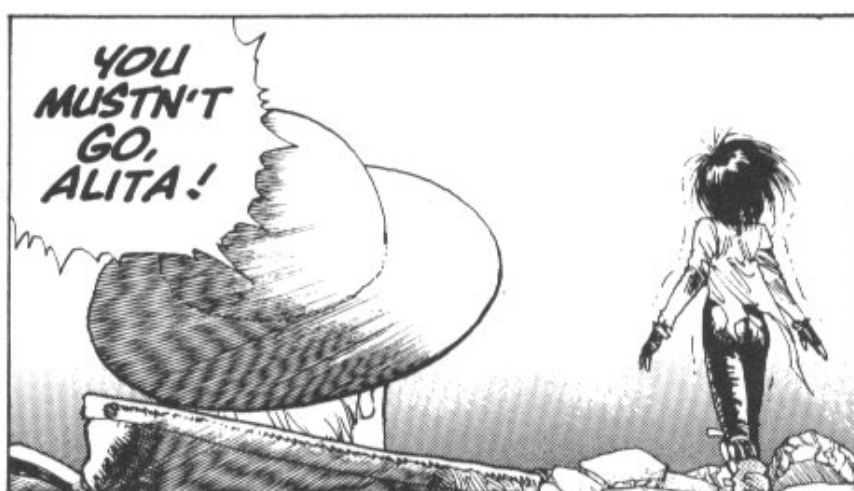
DUKE!
COME
BACK!



OH-- IT'S
NO GOOD.
THAT CHILD
WON'T COME
BACK.





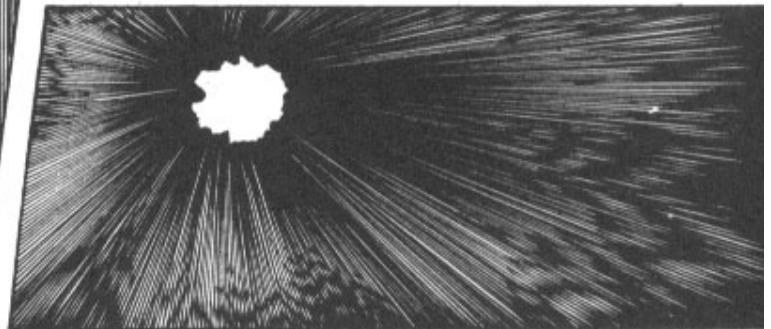


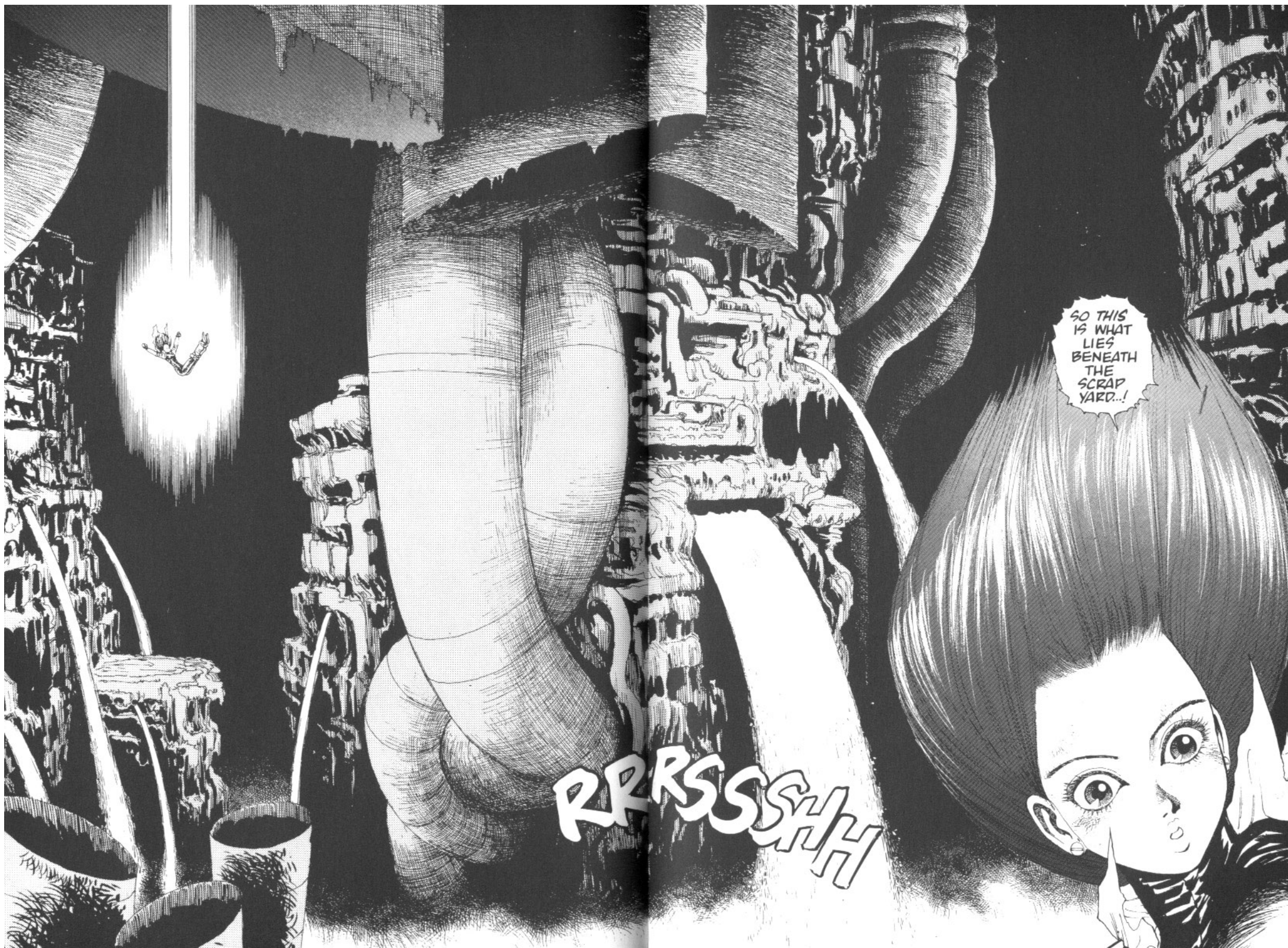


AND BESIDES,
KOYOMI'S SUCH
A CUTE BABY.
YOU'D RESCUE
HER...

...RIGHT?



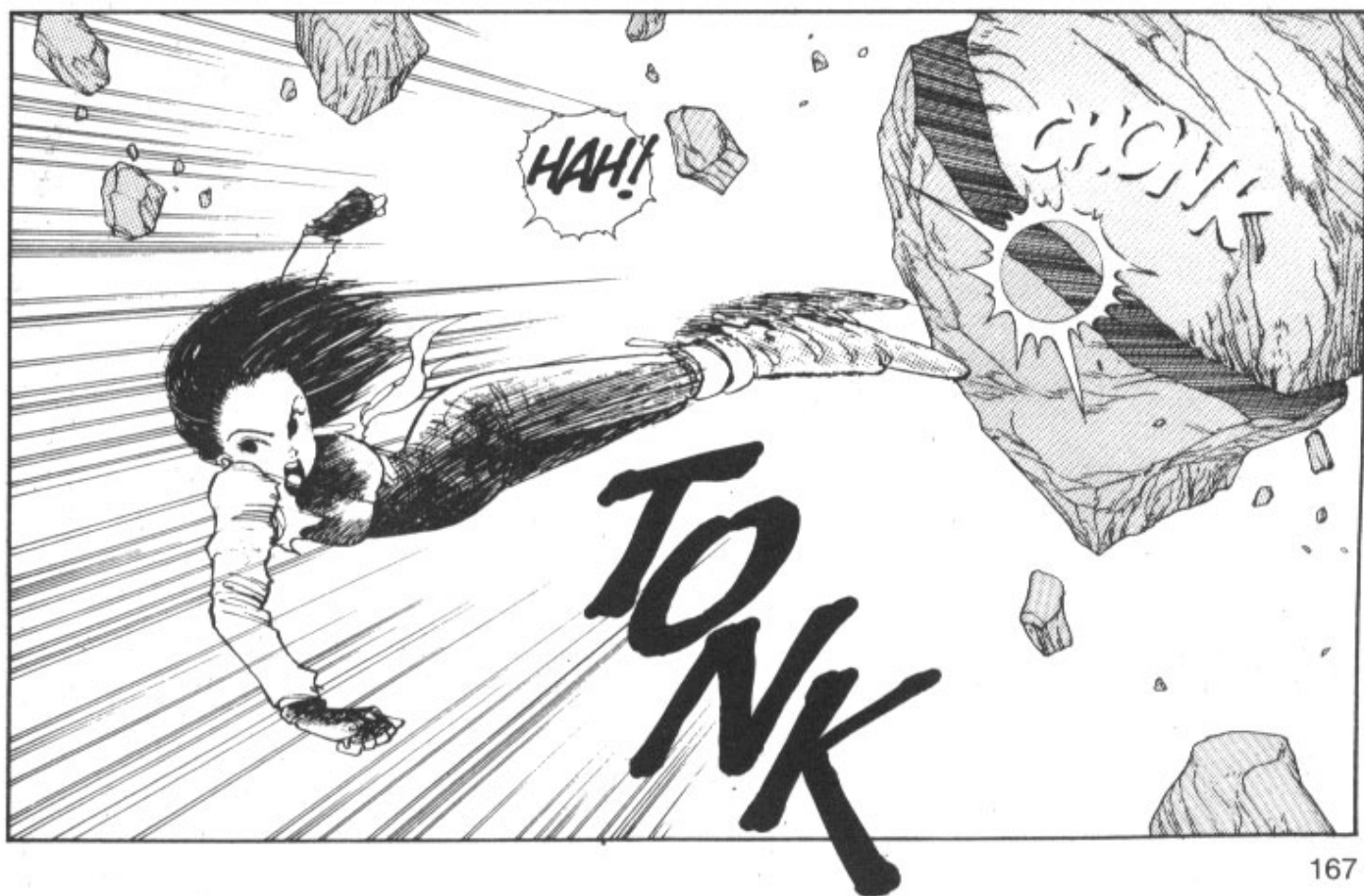
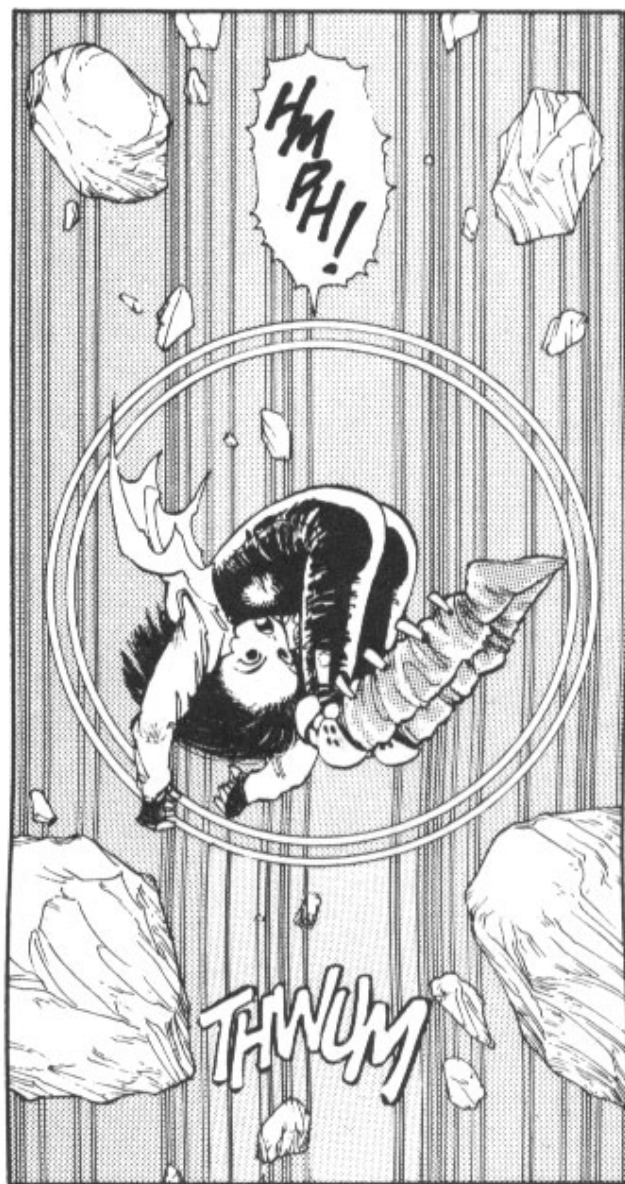


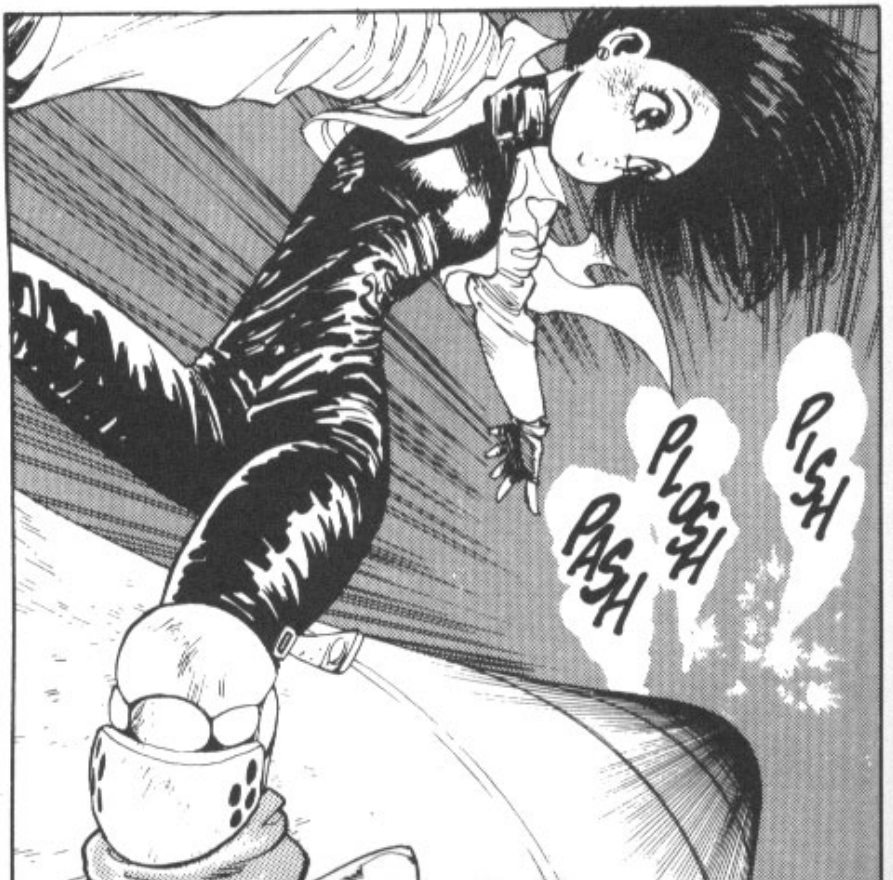
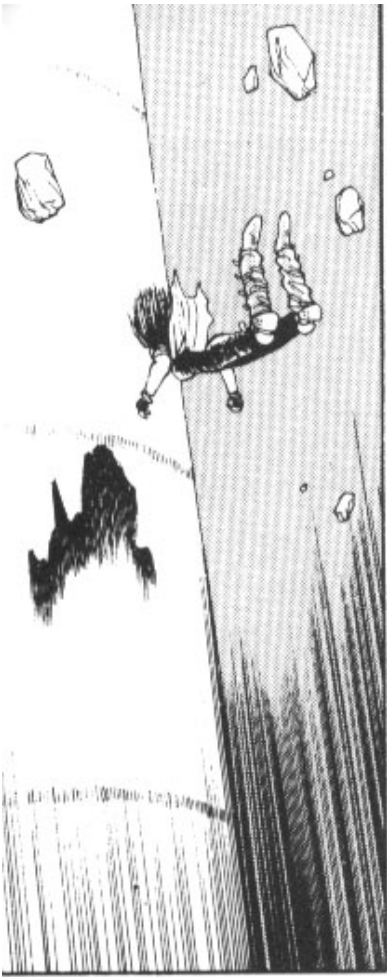
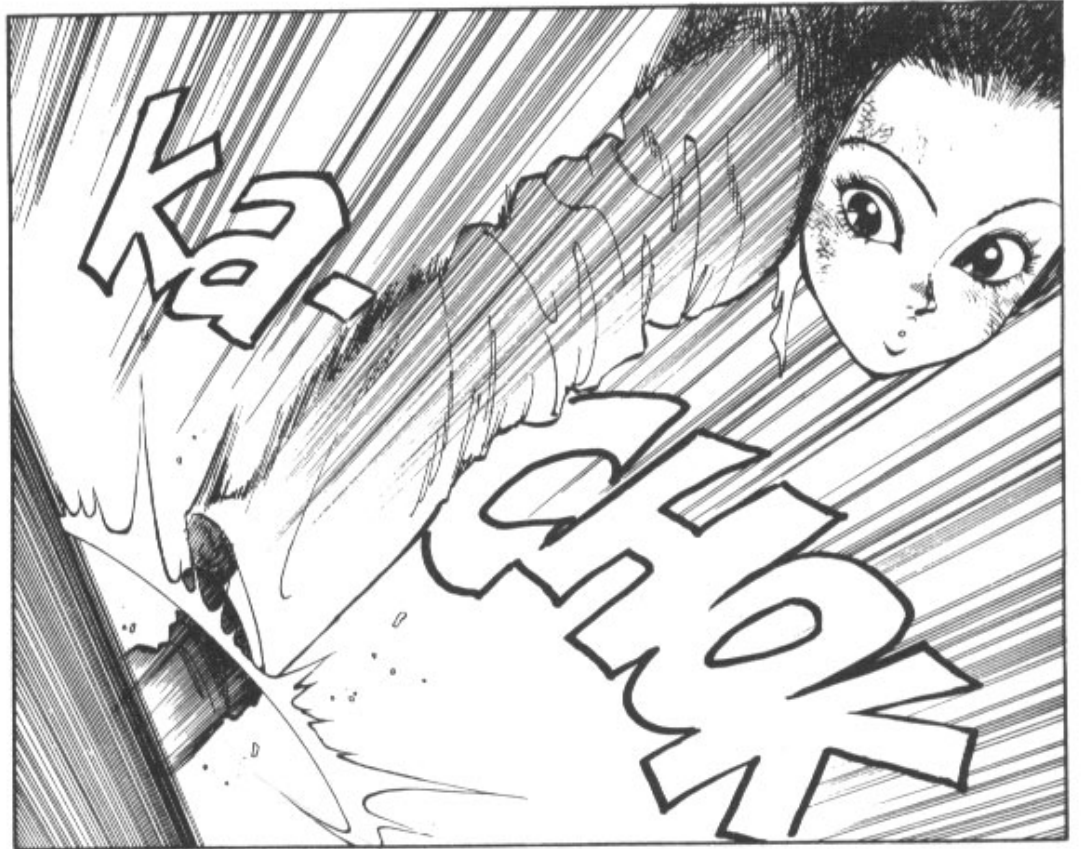


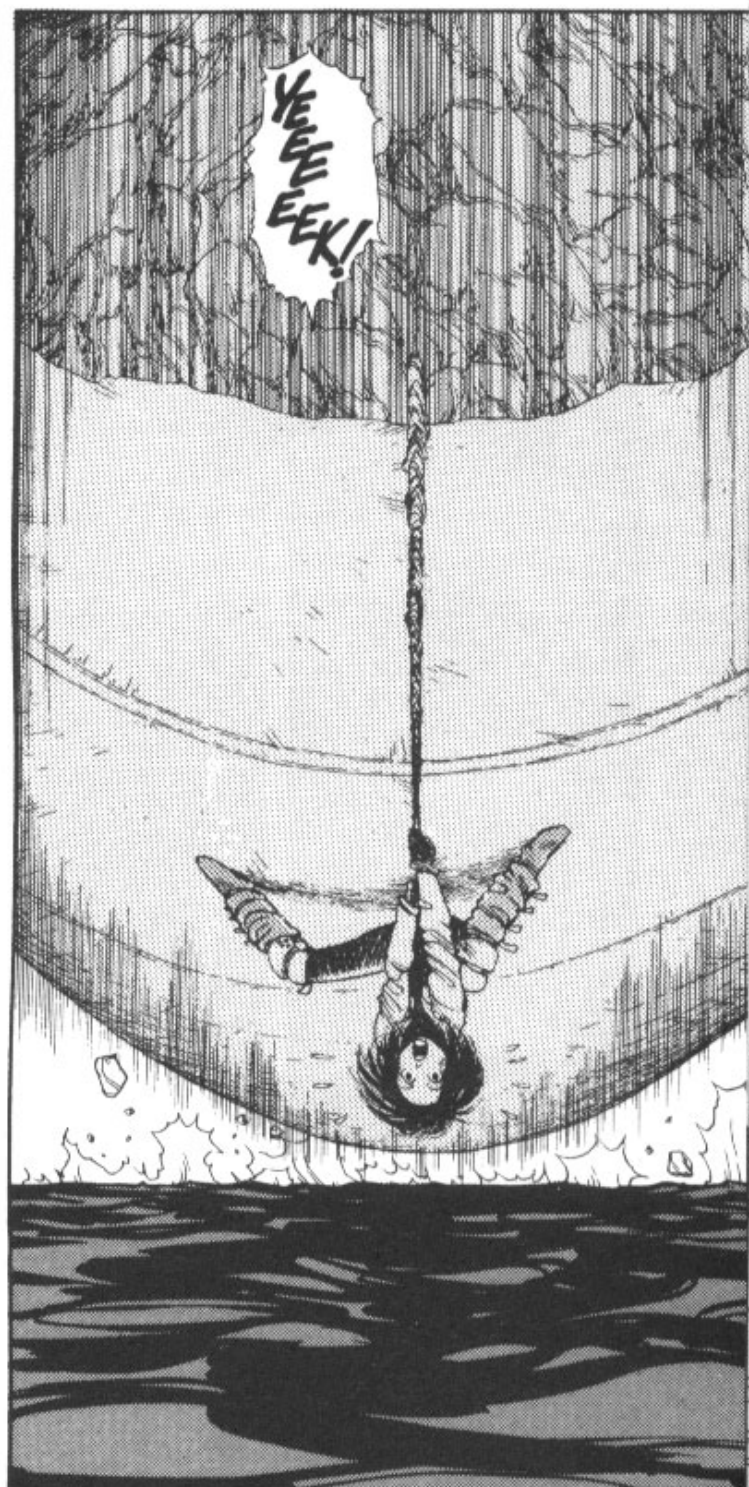
SO THIS
IS WHAT
LIES
BENEATH
THE
SCRAP
YARD...!

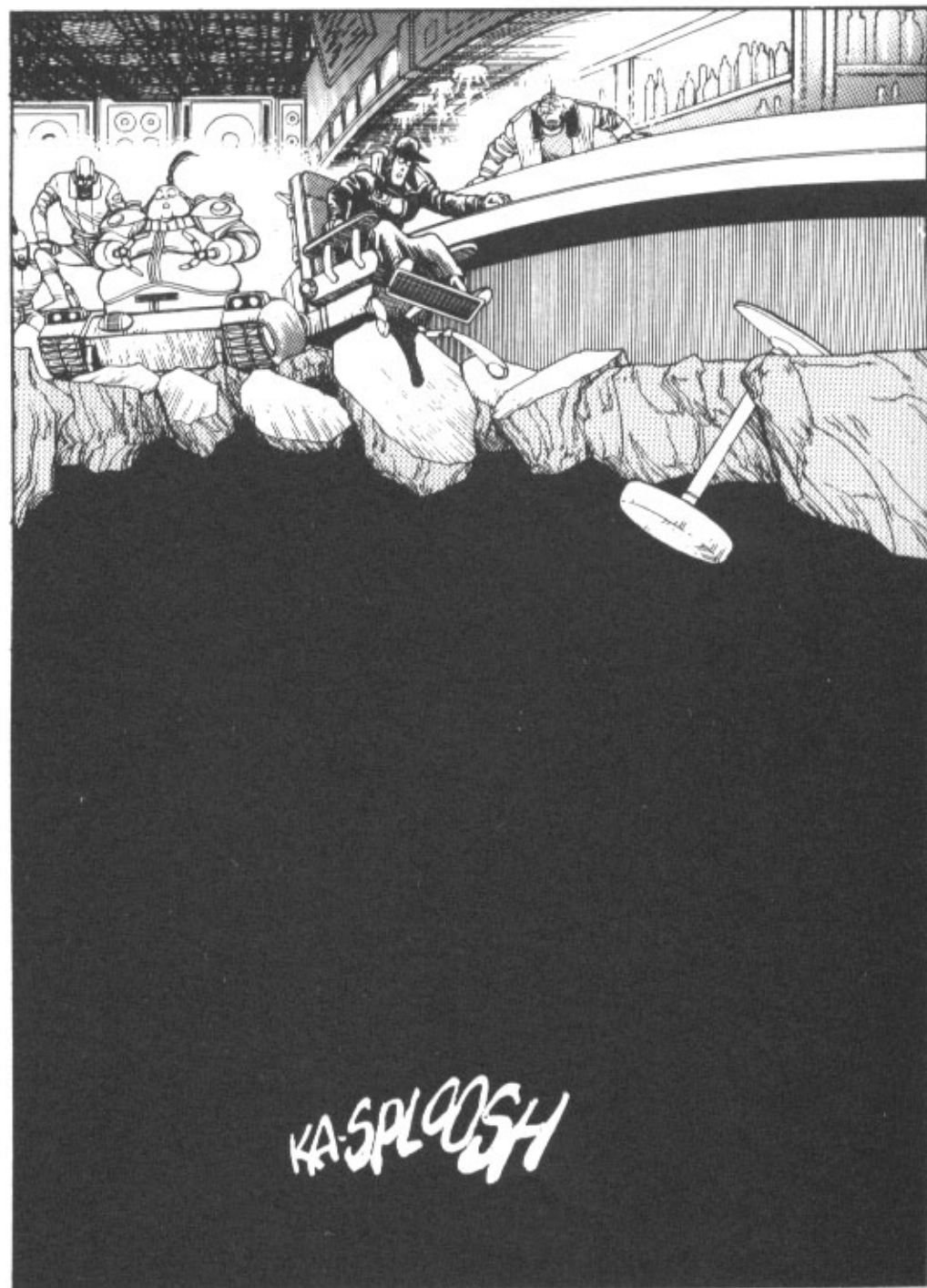
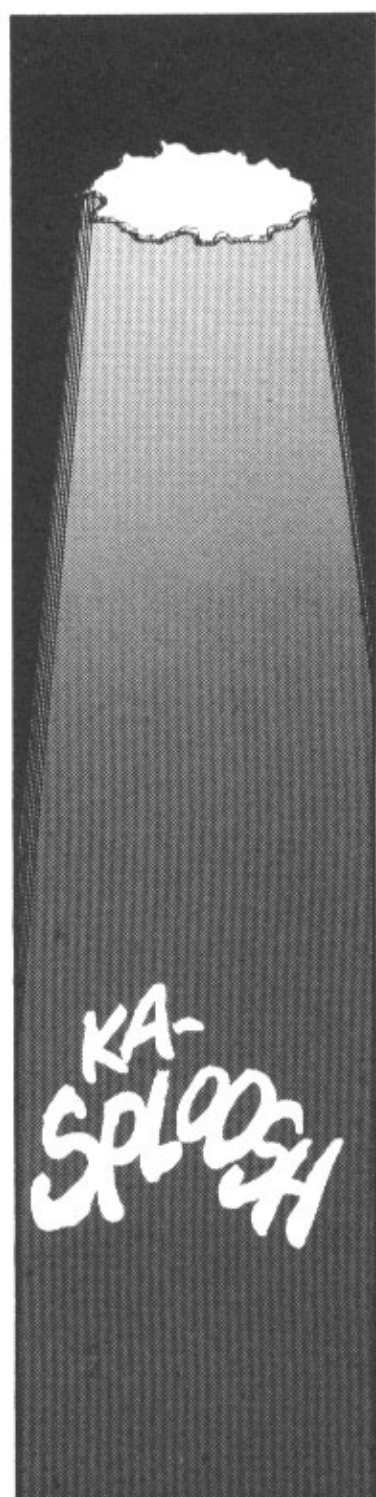
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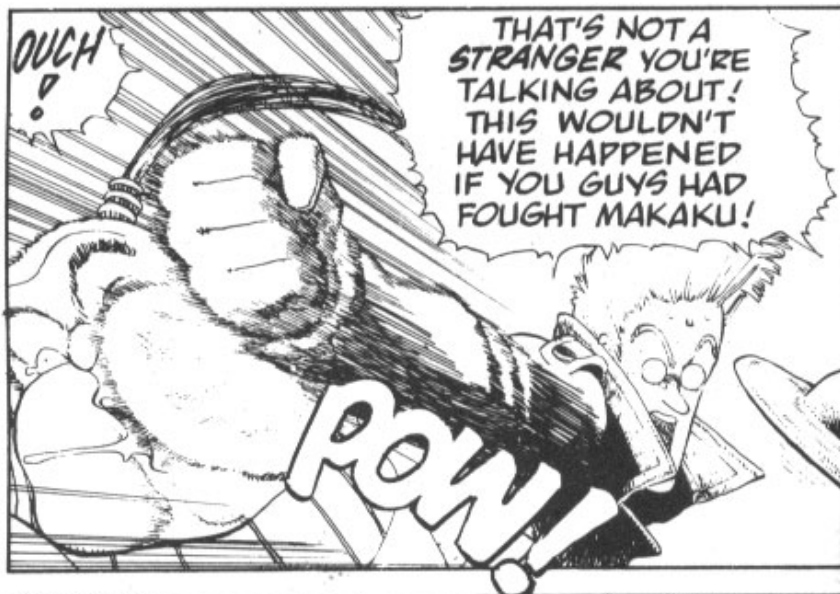
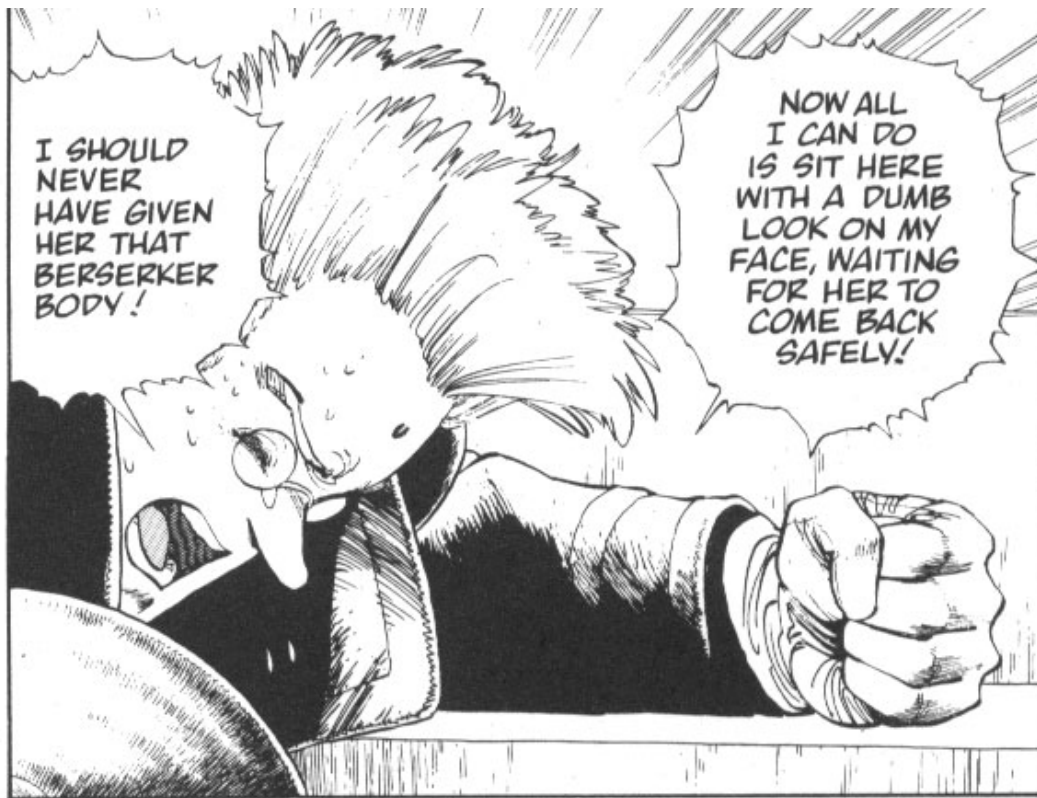
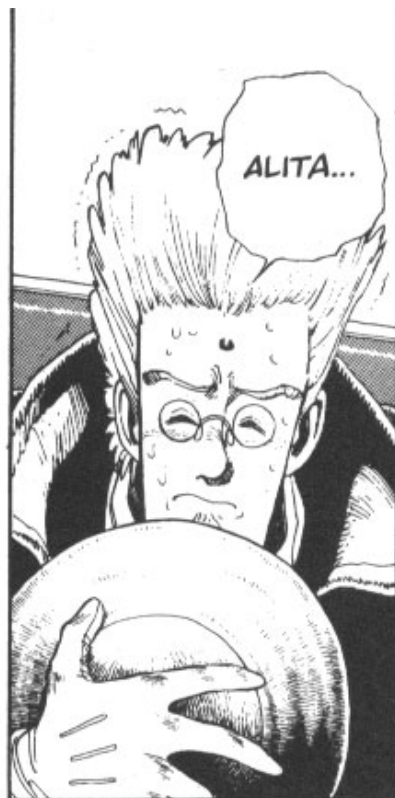






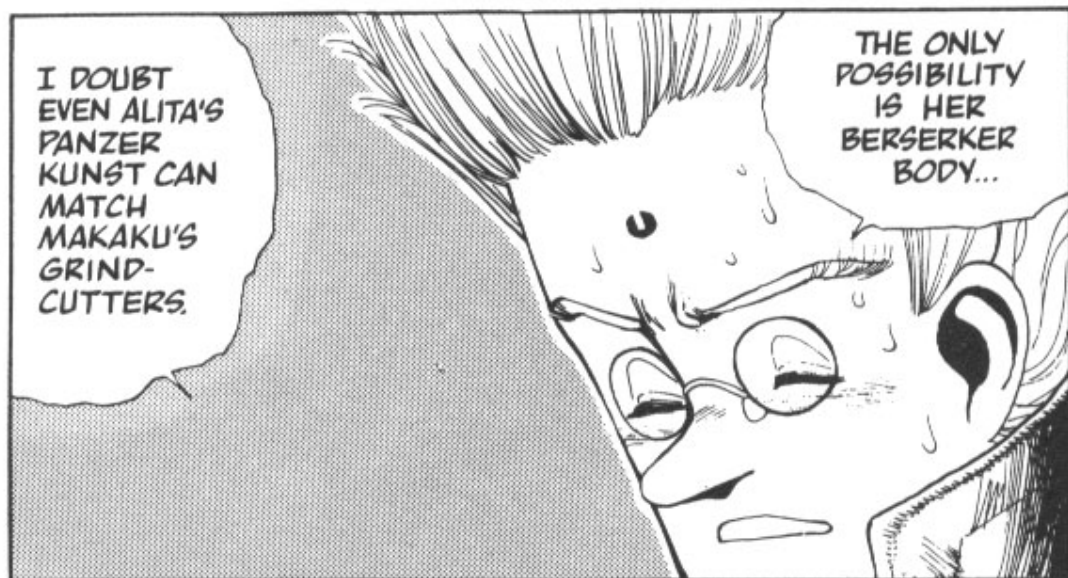




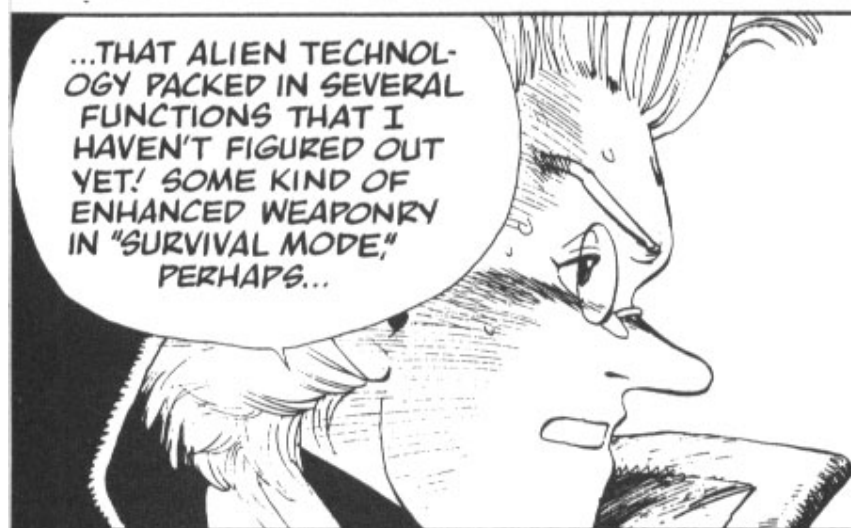




I DOUBT
EVEN ALITA'S
PANZER
KUNST CAN
MATCH
MAKAKU'S
GRIND-
CUTTERS.



THE ONLY
POSSIBILITY
IS HER
BERSERKER
BODY...



...THAT ALIEN TECHNOL-
OGY PACKED IN SEVERAL
FUNCTIONS THAT I
HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT
YET! SOME KIND OF
ENHANCED WEAPONRY
IN "SURVIVAL MODE,"
PERHAPS...



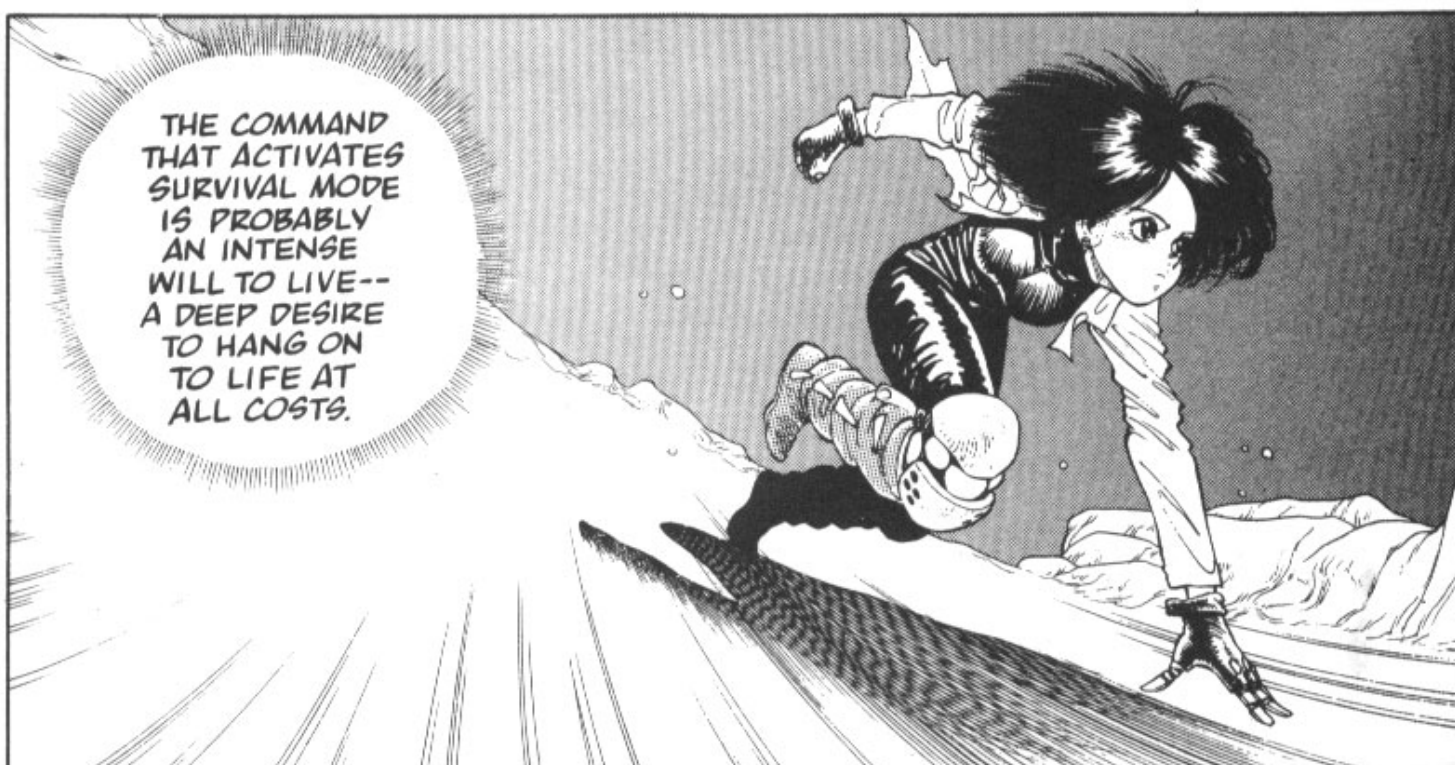
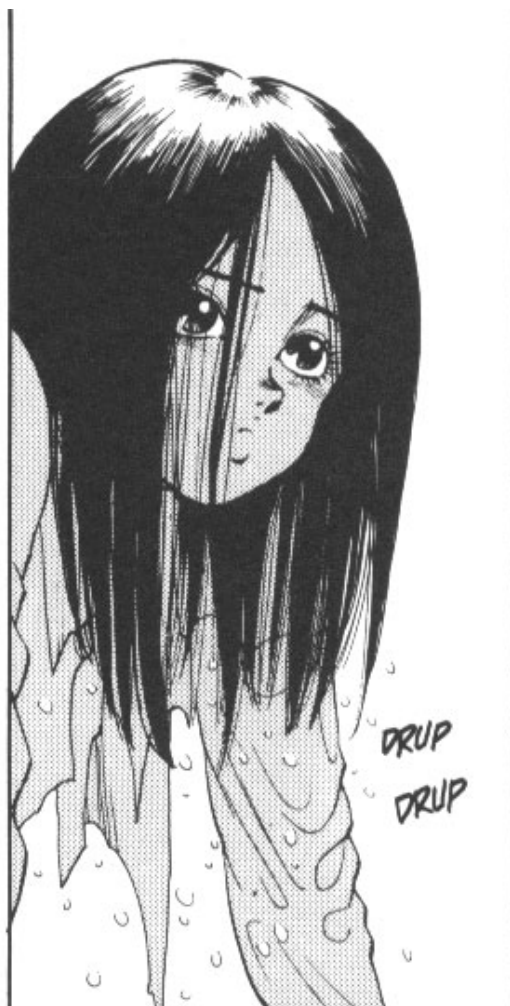
JUST WHAT IT
MIGHT BE...BUT
WITH A HIDDEN
POWER INSIDE,
ALITA MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
MATCH THE
GRIND-CUTTERS.

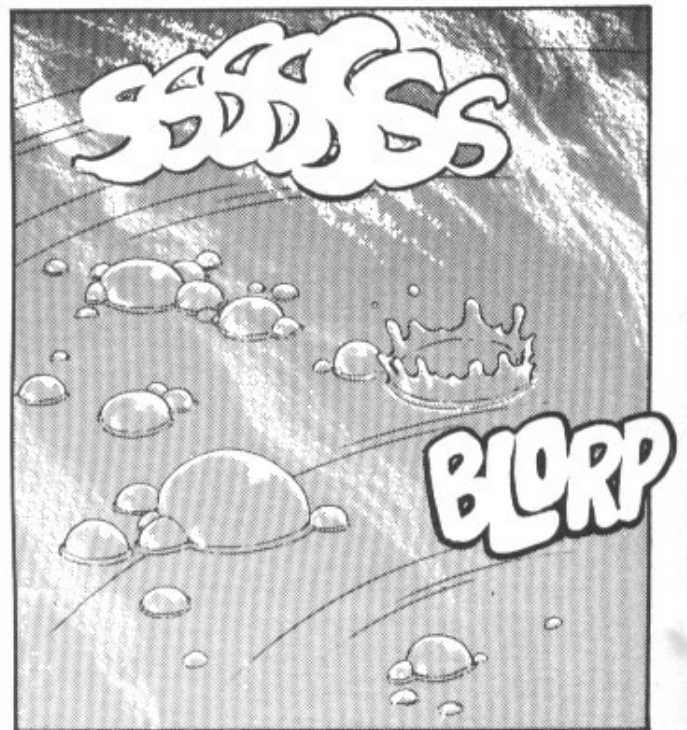


THE SURVIVAL
MODE SWITCH IS
CONNECTED TO
THE CEREBRAL
CORTEX, DEEP
INSIDE HER
BRAIN* IT MAY
BE HER ONLY
HOPE...

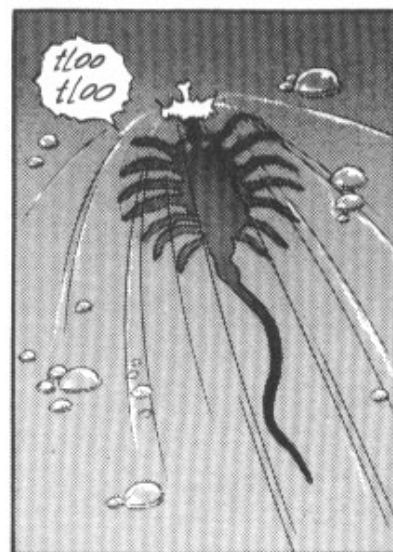
floop

(ARTIST'S FOOTNOTE) * CEREBRAL CORTEX: THE REGION OF THE BRAIN THAT CONTROLS LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENTS OF THE MUSCLES, THIS "CROCODILE BRAIN" MANAGES THE PRIMITIVE/REPTILIAN INSTINCTIVE ACTIONS.





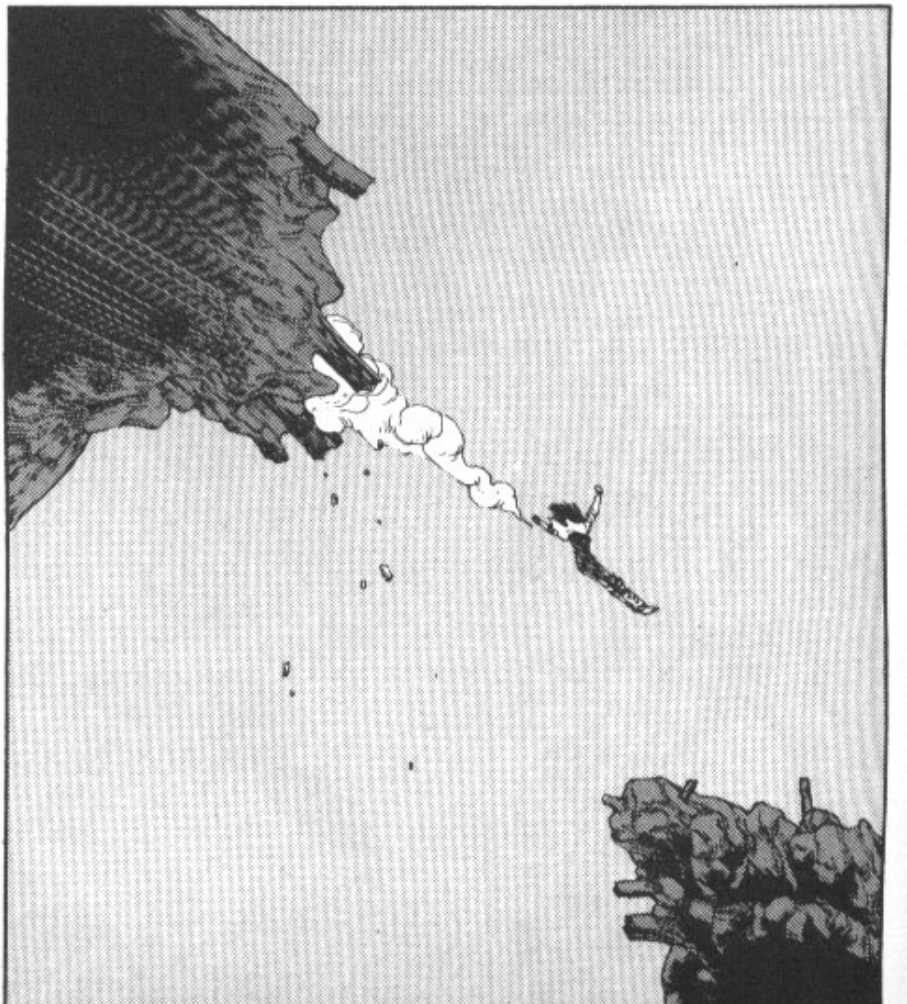
I GAVE
MY WORD
I'D DELIVER
THE BABY
TO SAFETY...

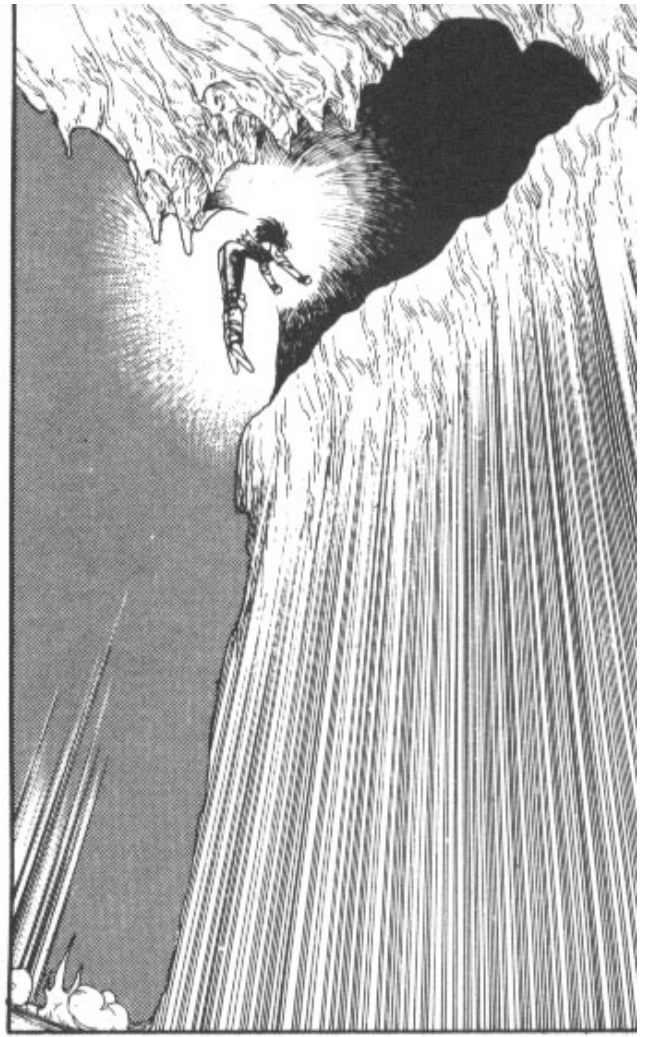
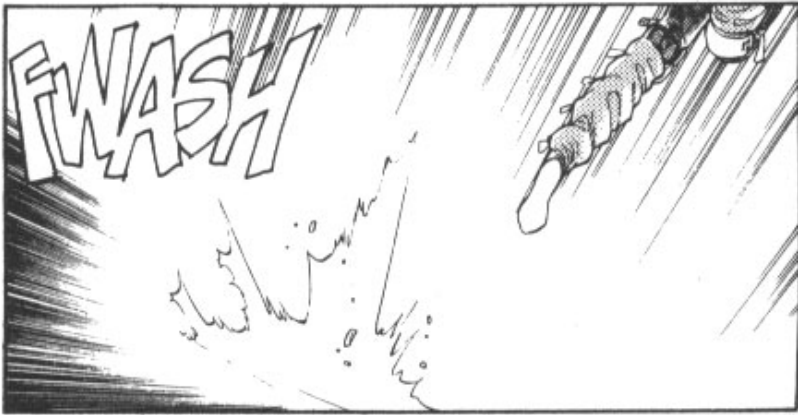
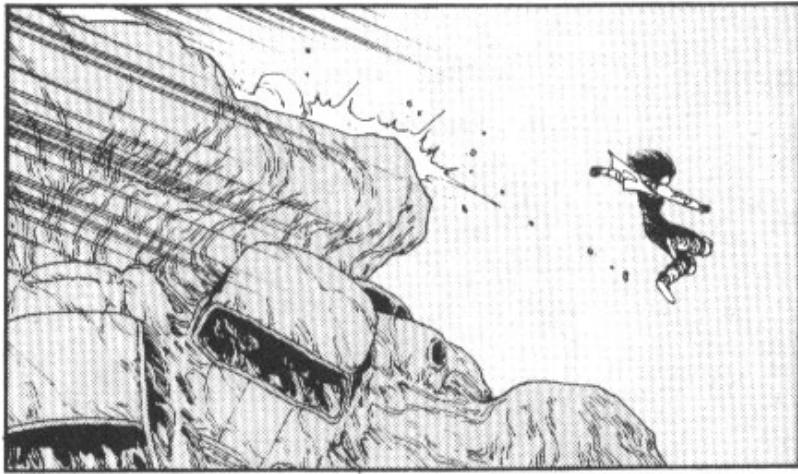


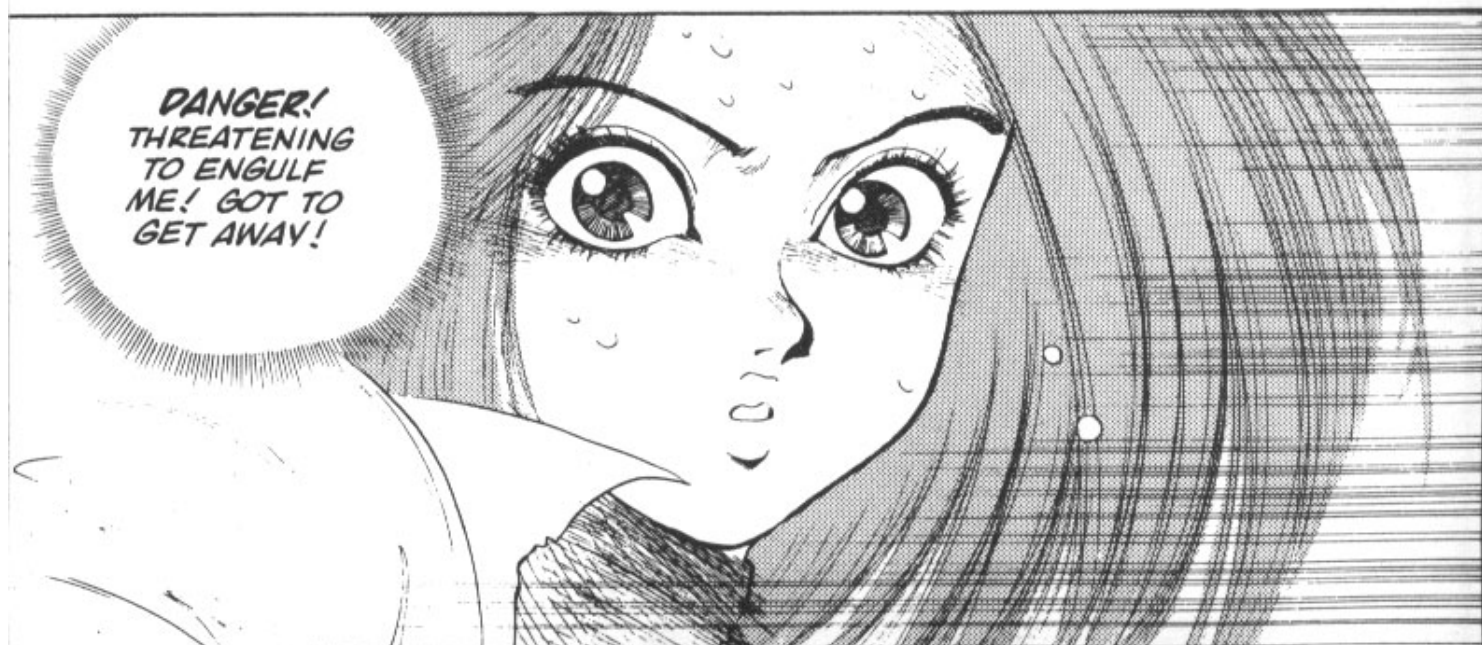
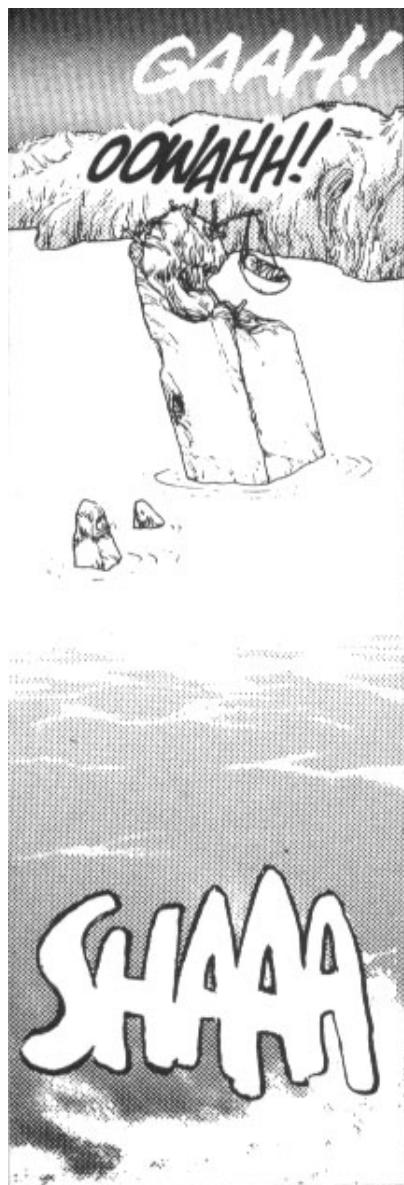
EVEN IN
SOMEONE LIKE
ME, THERE'S
A FRAGILE
HEART DOWN
DEEP...















WELCOME
TO MY
OLD HOME...



MAKAKU
!



I WENT
EASY
ON YOU,
GIRL...

...NEVERTHELESS,
I'M IMPRESSED
THAT YOU CAN MOVE
YOUR BODY AT THE
SAME SUPERSONIC
SPEED AS MY
GRIND-CUTTERS.



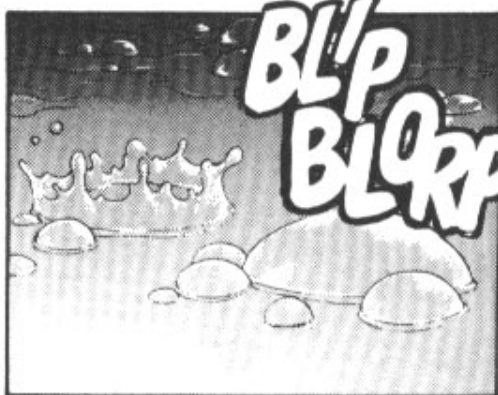


"OLD HOME"...
WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN!?



GWAHA!
TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK AT
THE
SCENE
AROUND
YOU!

THIS
IS WHERE
I WAS
BORN
AND
RAISED!



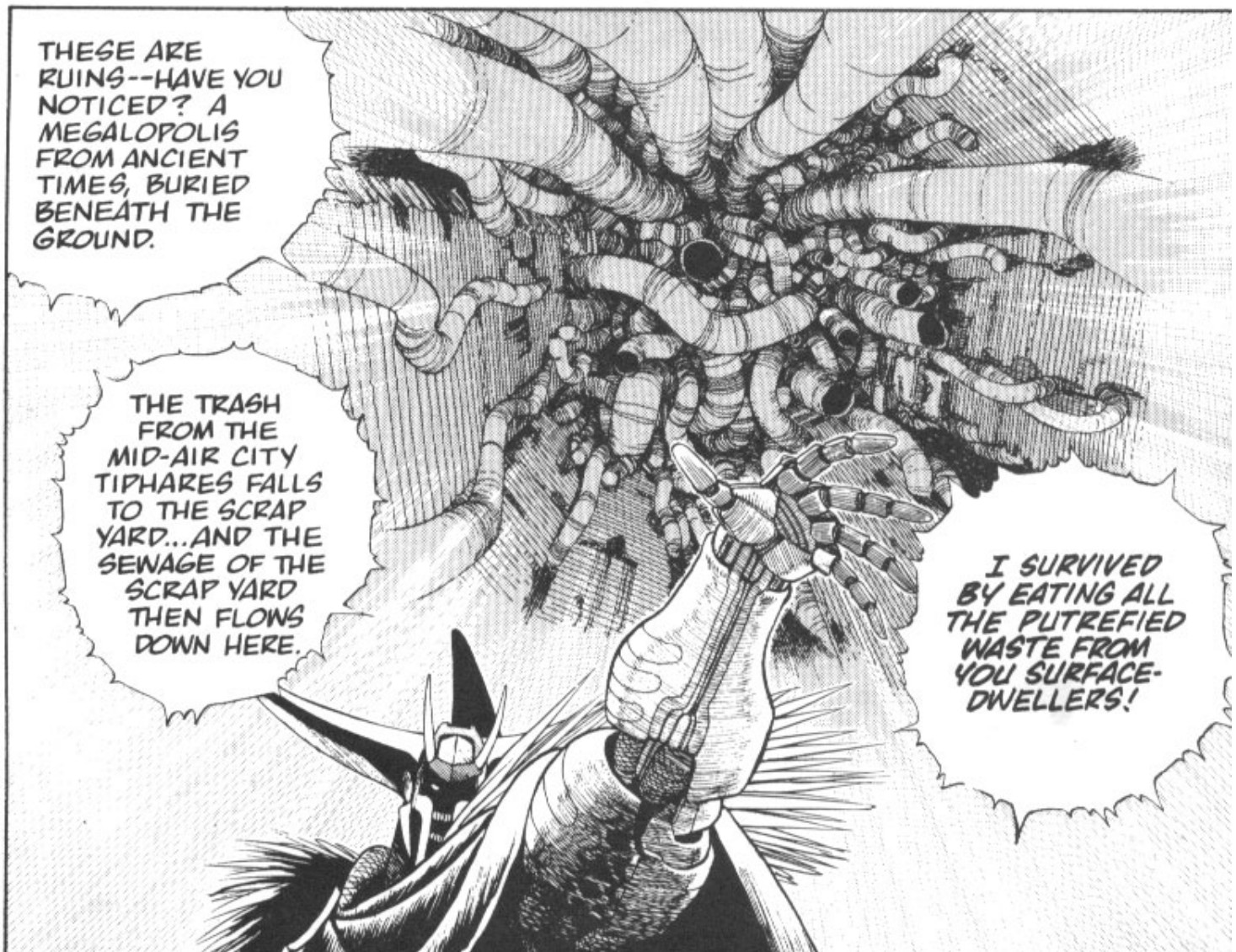
BLIP
BLORP



DRUP
DRUP



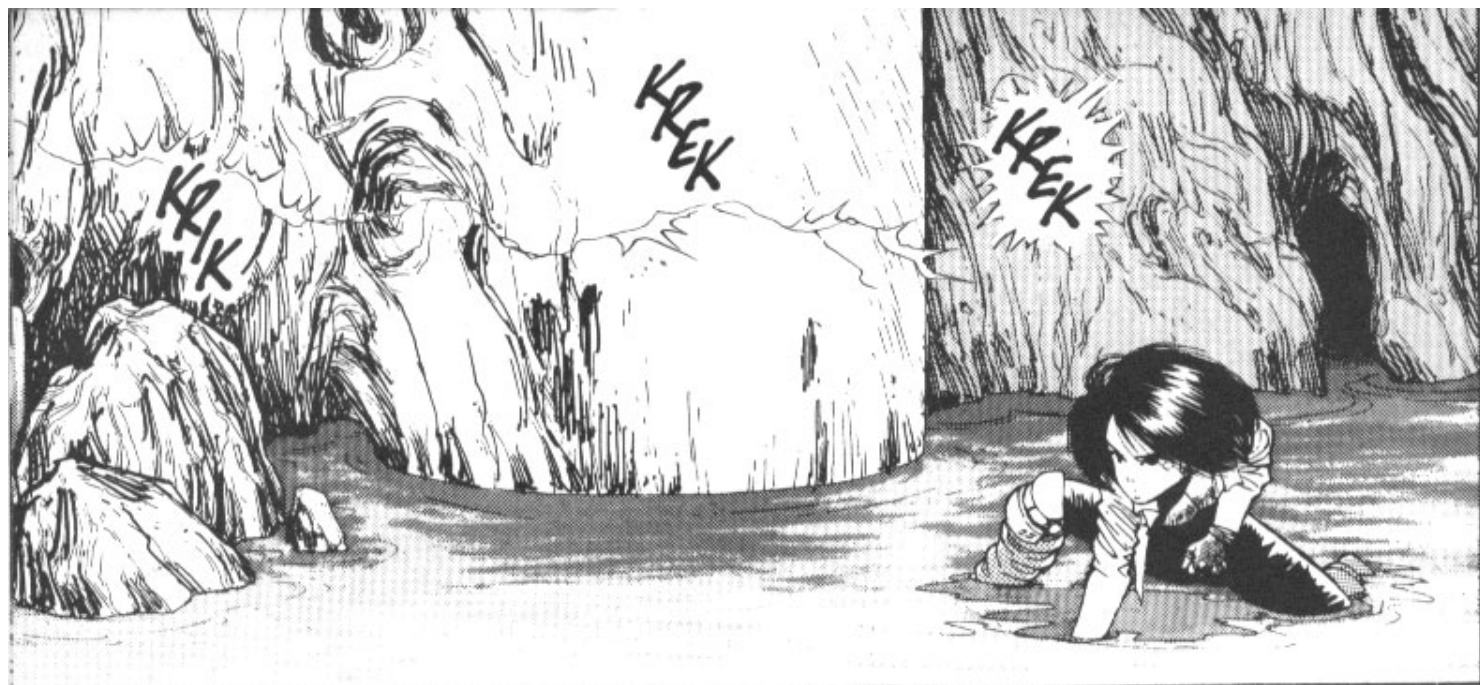
NICE
PLACE.



THESE ARE
RUINS--HAVE YOU
NOTICED? A
MEGALOPOLIS
FROM ANCIENT
TIMES, BURIED
BENEATH THE
GROUND.

THE TRASH
FROM THE
MID-AIR CITY
TIPHARES FALLS
TO THE SCRAP
YARD...AND THE
SEWAGE OF THE
SCRAP YARD
THEN FLOWS
DOWN HERE.

I SURVIVED
BY EATING ALL
THE PUTREFIED
WASTE FROM
YOU SURFACE-
DWELLERS!



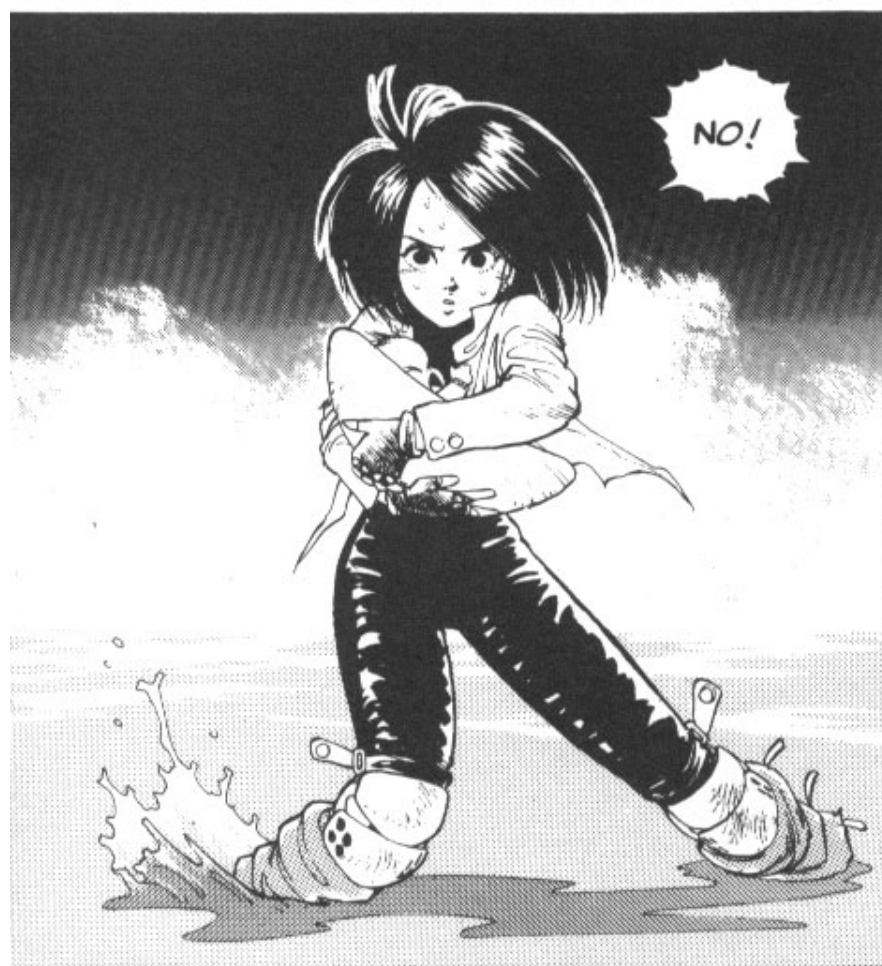




YOU CAN'T
MOVE AT
SUPERSONIC
SPEEDS
WHILE YOU'RE
CARRYING
THAT
BRAT--

GWAHAHA!

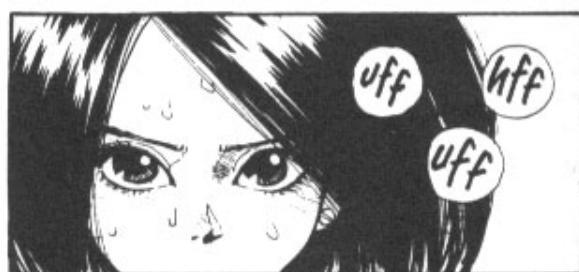
--HER PRECIOUS
LITTLE BODY
CAN'T WITHSTAND
SUCH INTENSE
SPEED, CAN IT?!
HEH, HEH... THIS
TIME I'LL CUT
YOU TO
RIBBONS!



NO!



HUWAHH
HUWAHH



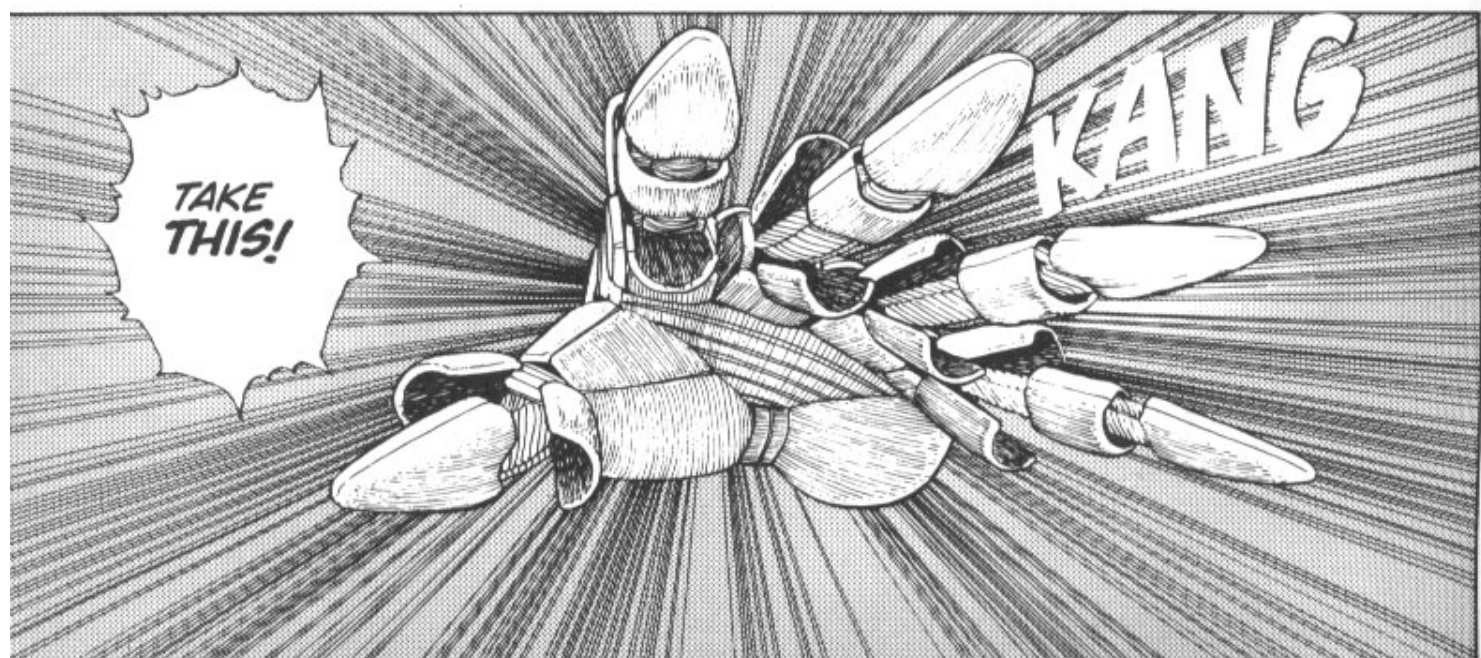
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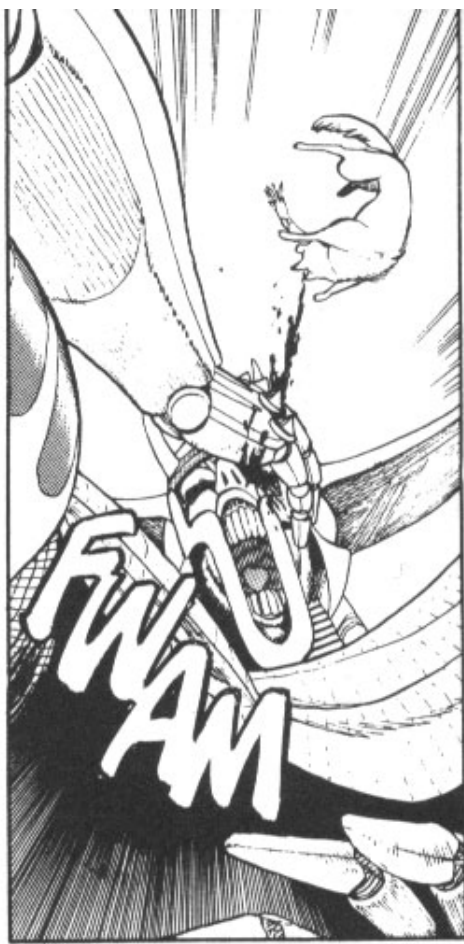
GWAHAHA!

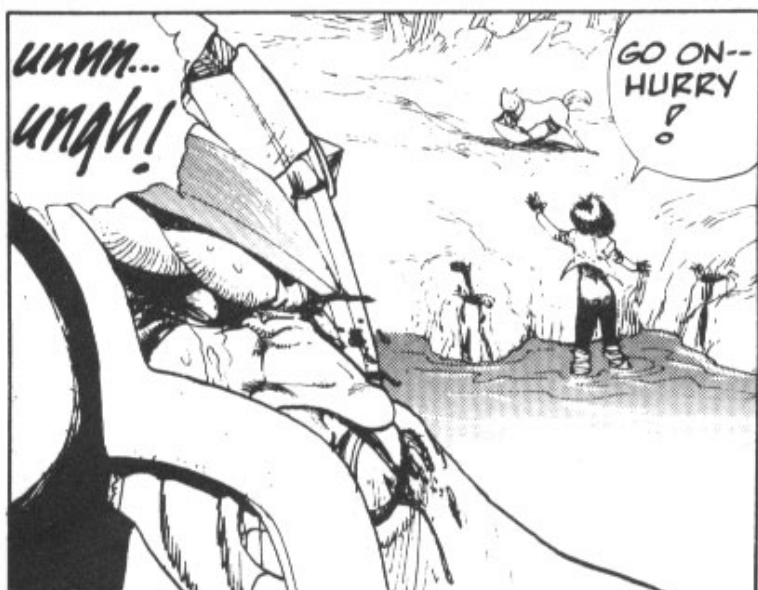
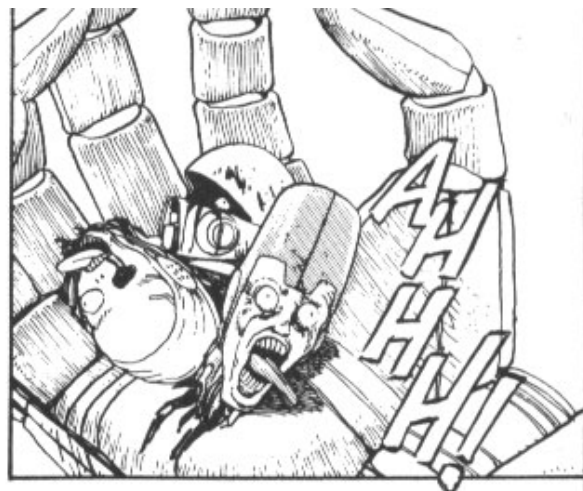


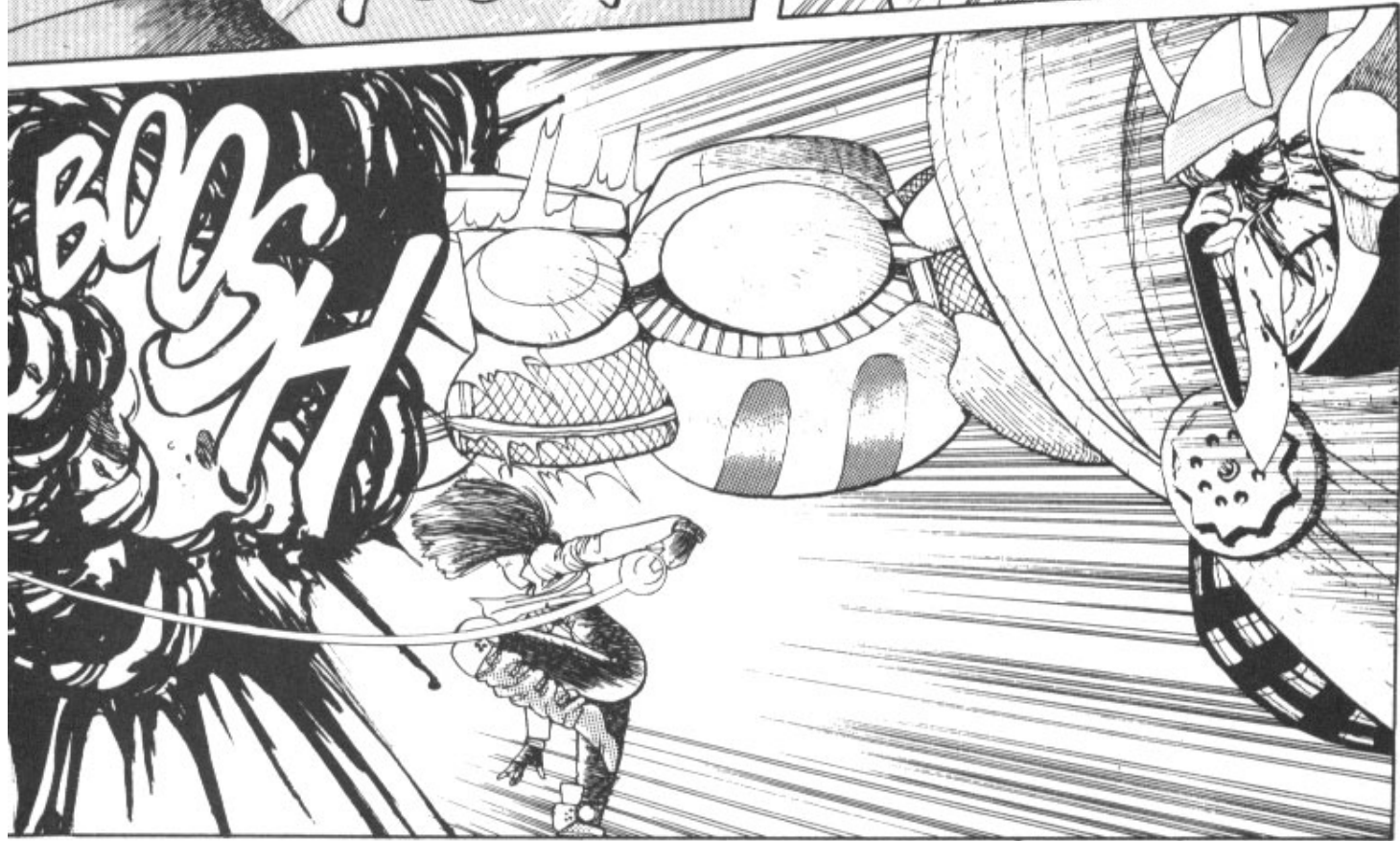
TAKE THIS!

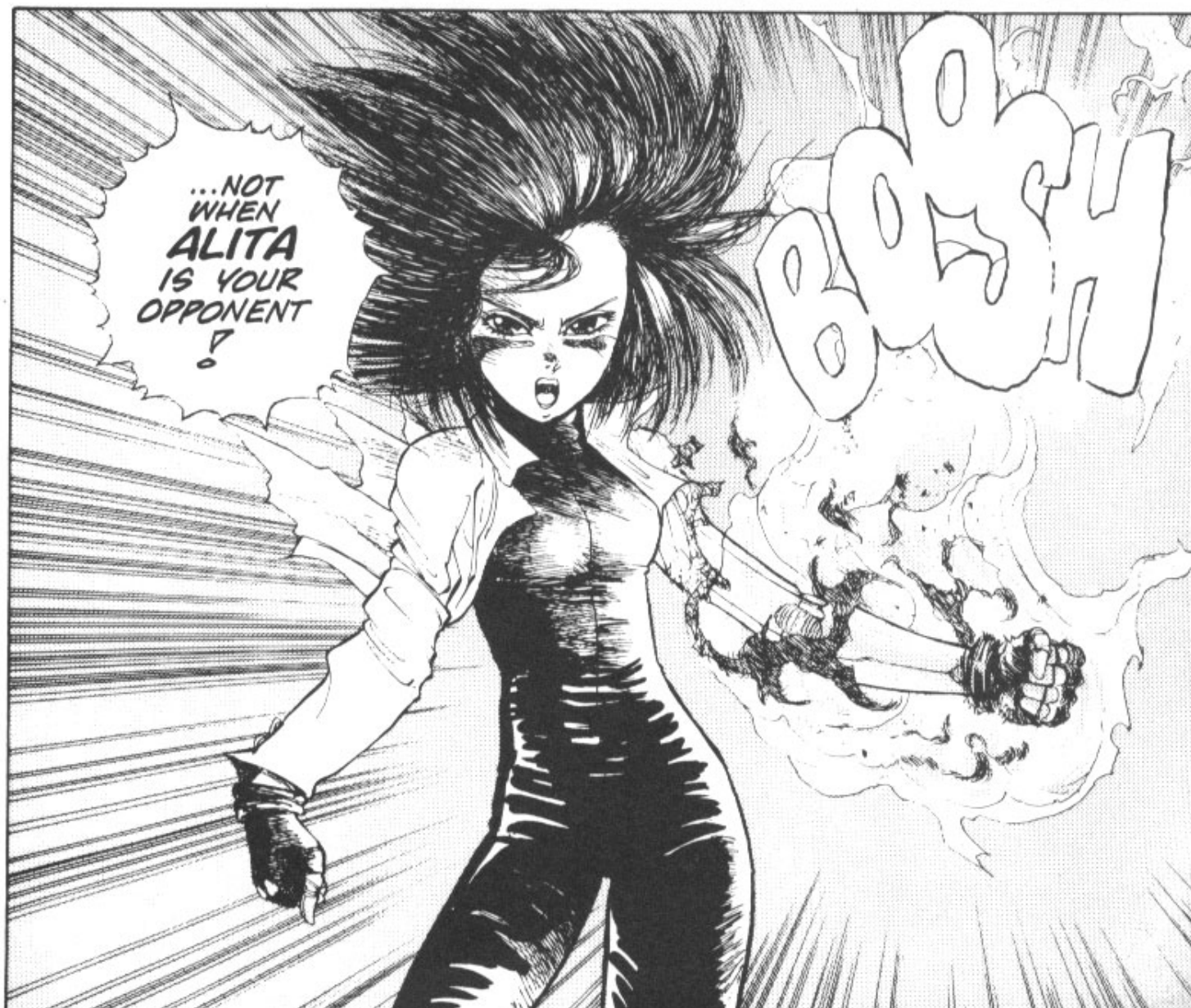
KANG



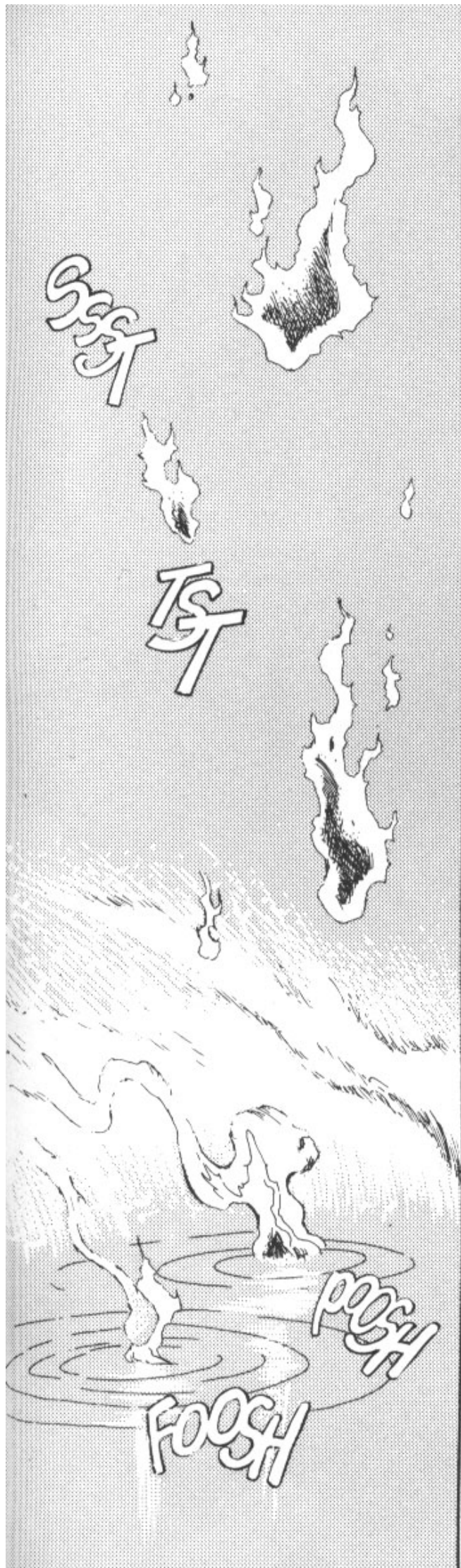






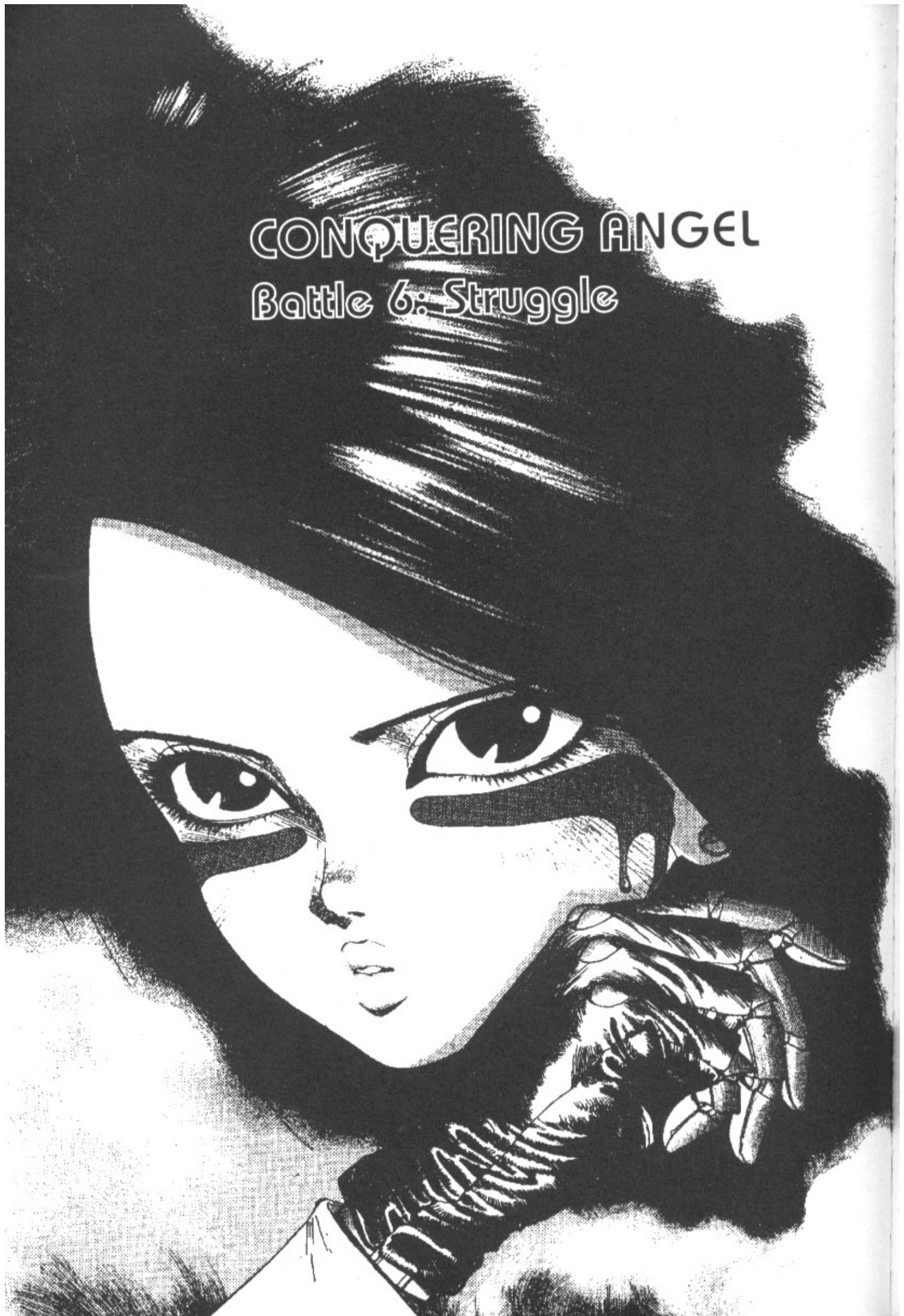




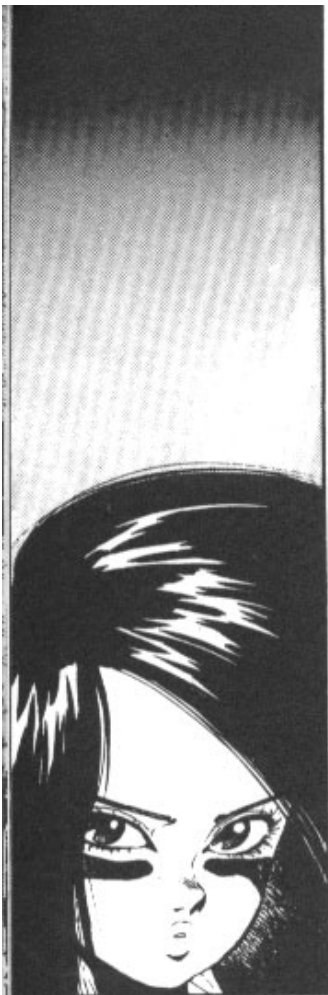


CONQUERING ANGEL

Battle 6: Struggle

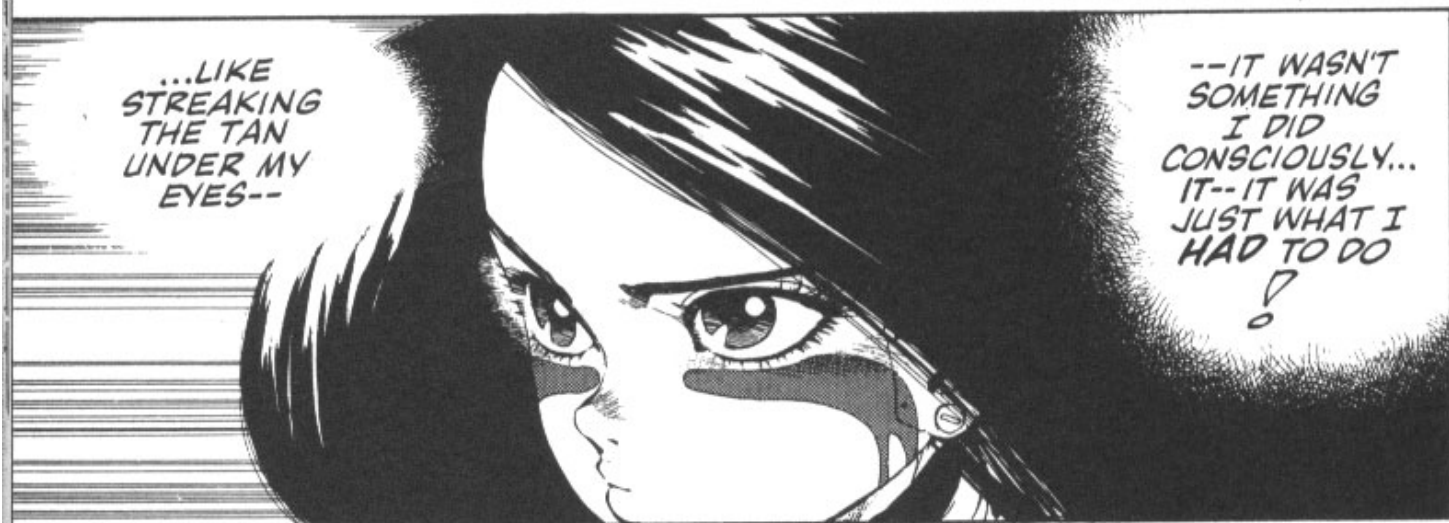






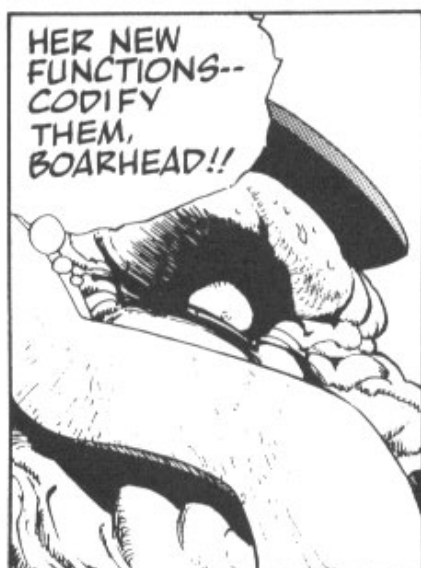
AT THAT
MOMENT
I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
IT MYSELF.

THOSE
MOVES--
I JUST
NATURALLY
RESPONDED
THAT
WAY...

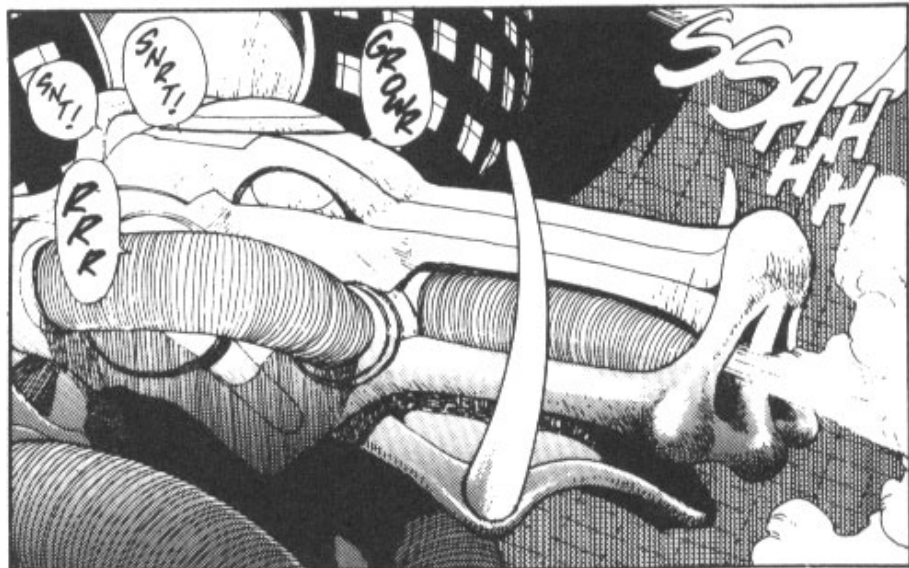


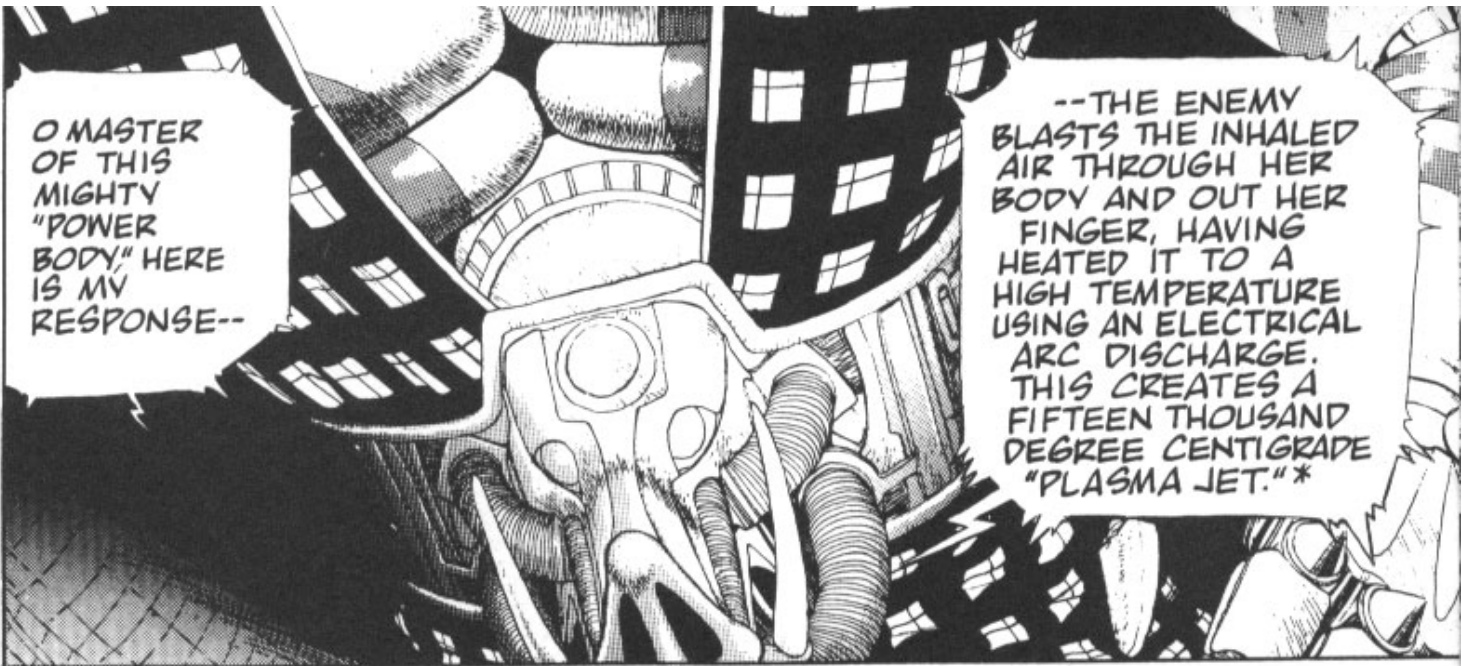
...LIKE
STREAKING
THE TAN
UNDER MY
EYES--

--IT WASN'T
SOMETHING
I DID
CONSCIOUSLY...
IT-- IT WAS
JUST WHAT I
HAD TO DO
!



HER NEW
FUNCTIONS--
CODIFY
THEM,
BOARHEAD!!





O MASTER
OF THIS
MIGHTY
"POWER
BODY," HERE
IS MY
RESPONSE--

--THE ENEMY
BLASTS THE INHALED
AIR THROUGH HER
BODY AND OUT HER
FINGER, HAVING
HEATED IT TO A
HIGH TEMPERATURE
USING AN ELECTRICAL
ARC DISCHARGE.
THIS CREATES A
FIFTEEN THOUSAND
DEGREE CENTIGRADE
"PLASMA JET."*

IN ADDITION, SHE
PLACES A POWER-
FUL MAGNETIC FIELD
ON THE PLASMA AND,
BY CONTROLLING
THE AIR CURRENT
THAT IS PRODUCED,
PROPELS HER HAND
AT HIGH SPEEDS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PRINCIPLES OF
M.H.D. PROPULSION:**



I WAS
CONSCIOUS
OF ONLY
ONE
THING...



WITH ONLY
THE ARMOR OF
THIS "POWER
BODY," IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO DEFEND
ONESELF
FROM ALITA'S
DESTRUCTIVE
FORCE!!

WH-WHAT'S
MY BEST
MOVE,
BOARHEAD
!?



STOSH

*PLASMA JET: A HIGH-SPEED JET OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE IONIZED GAS. A TECHNOLOGY USED IN HEAT-CUTTING AND CASTING.

**M.H.D. PROPULSION: A TYPE OF PROPULSION WHICH APPLIES MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS TO ELECTRICITY-CONDUCTING PLASMA.



...THE FEELING
OF FEAR THAT
HAD WEIGHED
SO HEAVILY
ON MY HEART
ONLY MOMENTS
AGO--
THAT SENSE
WAS LOST!

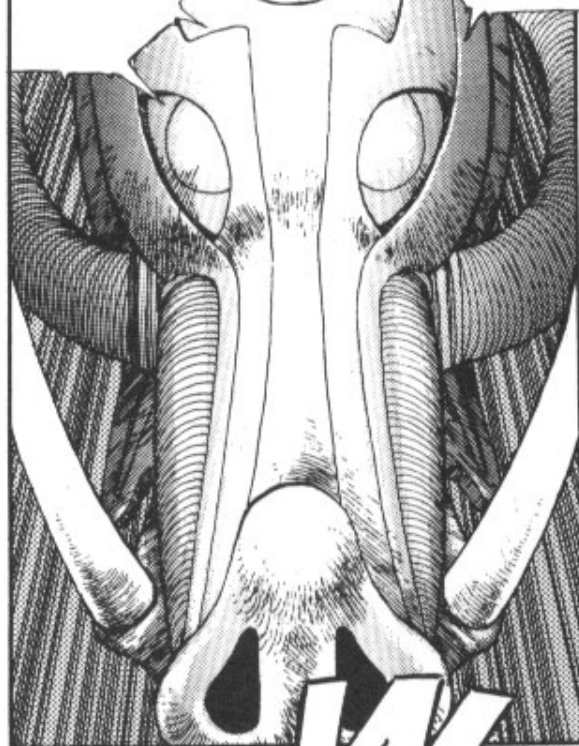
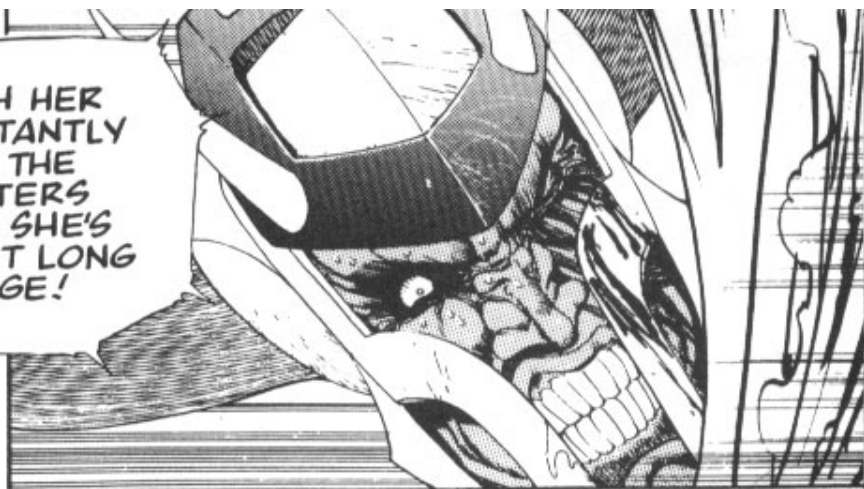


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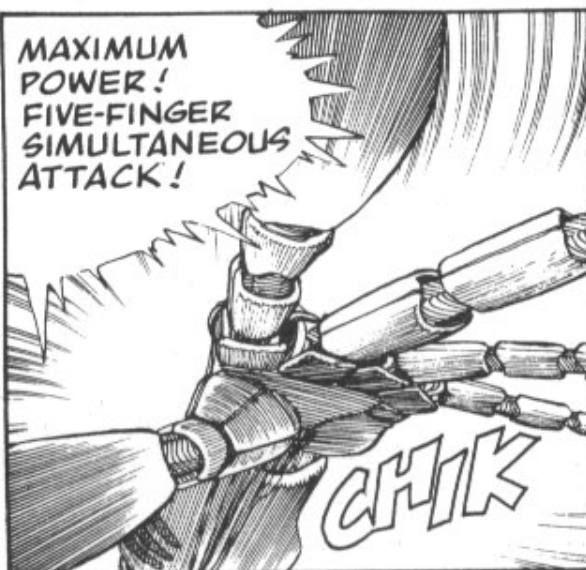
ALL I KNEW
WAS THE NEED
TO BRING
DOWN THE
MONSTER BEFORE
MY EYES...
A BURNING,
SEETHING DRIVE--
TO FIGHT!

DON'T
LET
HER
CLOSE
THE
GAP!

FINISH HER
OFF INSTANTLY
WITH THE
G-CUTTERS
WHILE SHE'S
STILL AT LONG
RANGE!

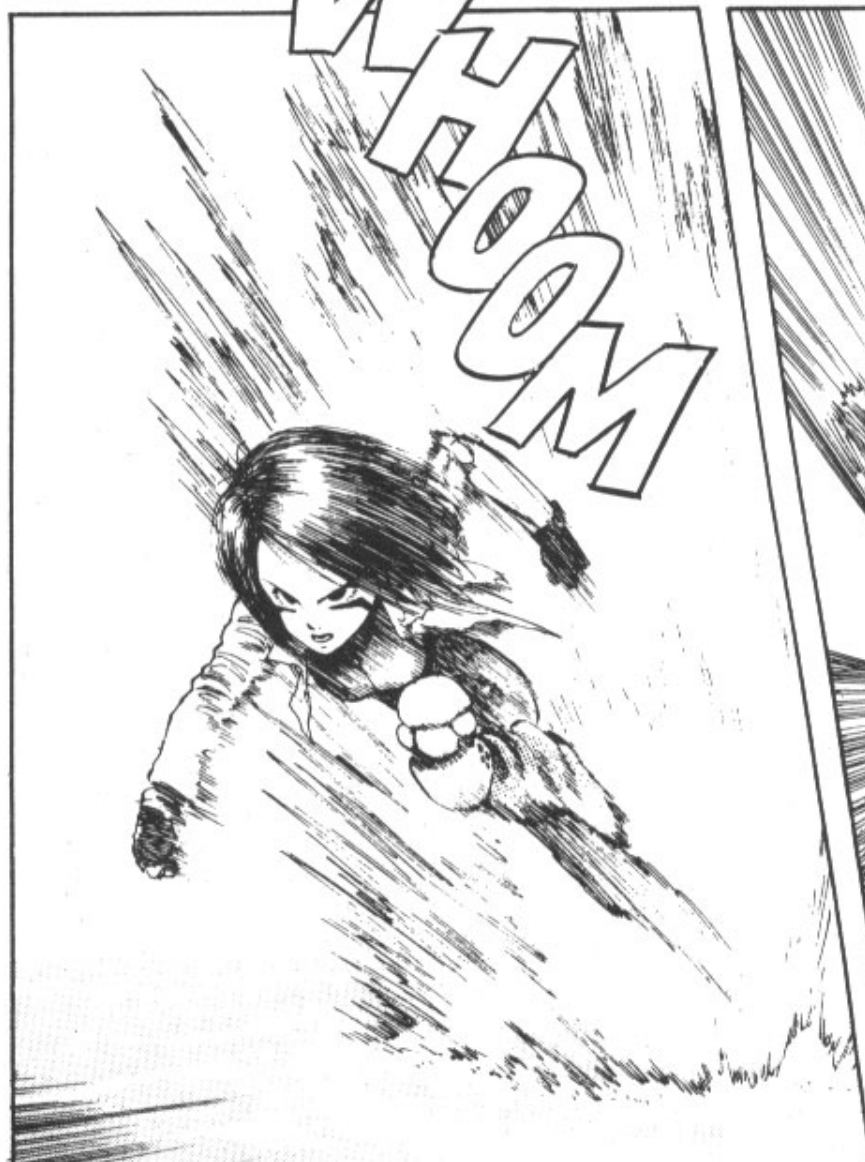


MAXIMUM
POWER!
FIVE-FINGER
SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACK!



CHIK

WHOOOM



FLASH





ZSH!



TARGET SPEED:
MACH 0.94.
TRAJECTORY
PINPOINTED
PRECISELY!



THE ENEMY'S
SPEED IS
75% SLOWER
THAN THE
G-CUTTERS.
HER DESTRU-
TION IS
CERTAIN!



!?

**TAKA
TAKA
TAKA**





WH-WHAT?
THE RECOIL
FROM FIRING
THE
G-CUTTERS--
I'VE LOST MY
FOOTING!



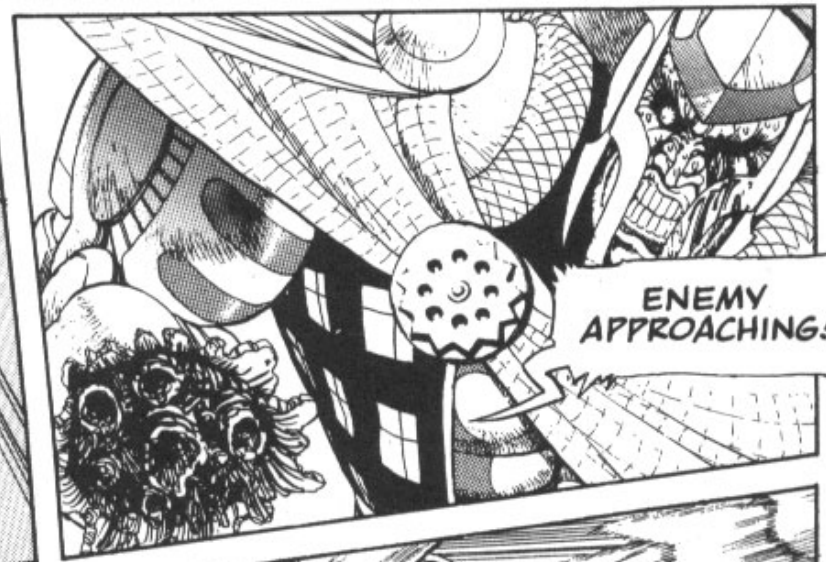


THE FASTER
YOU FIRE,
THE STRONGER
THE RECOIL--

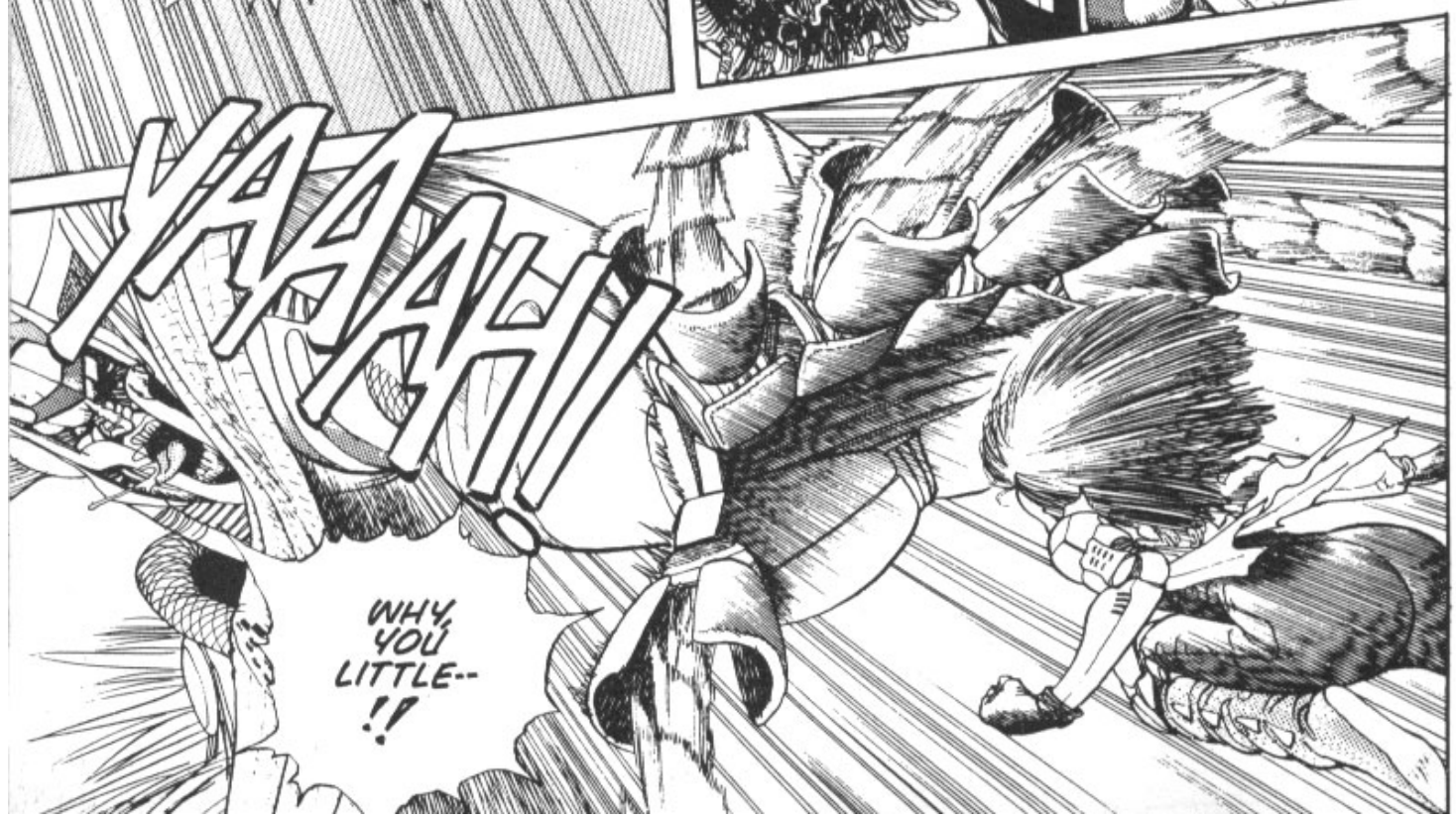


--YOU CAN'T
HANDLE
THAT
WITHOUT
BALANCE
!

FOOL! DIDN'T
YOU REALIZE
THAT AFTER
LOSING AN ARM
YOUR BODY
WEIGHT WOULD
BE DISTRIBUTED
UNEVENLY?!

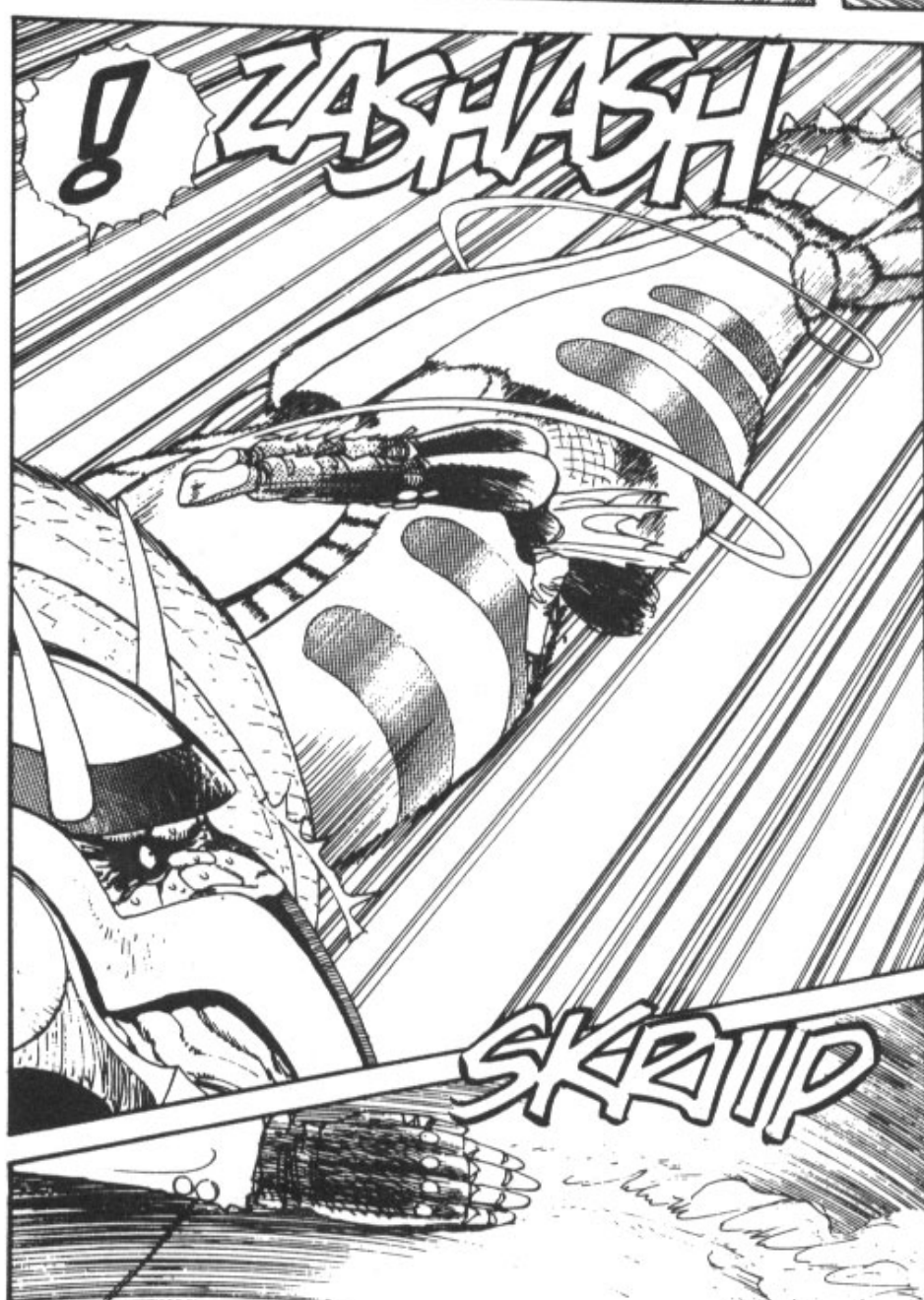


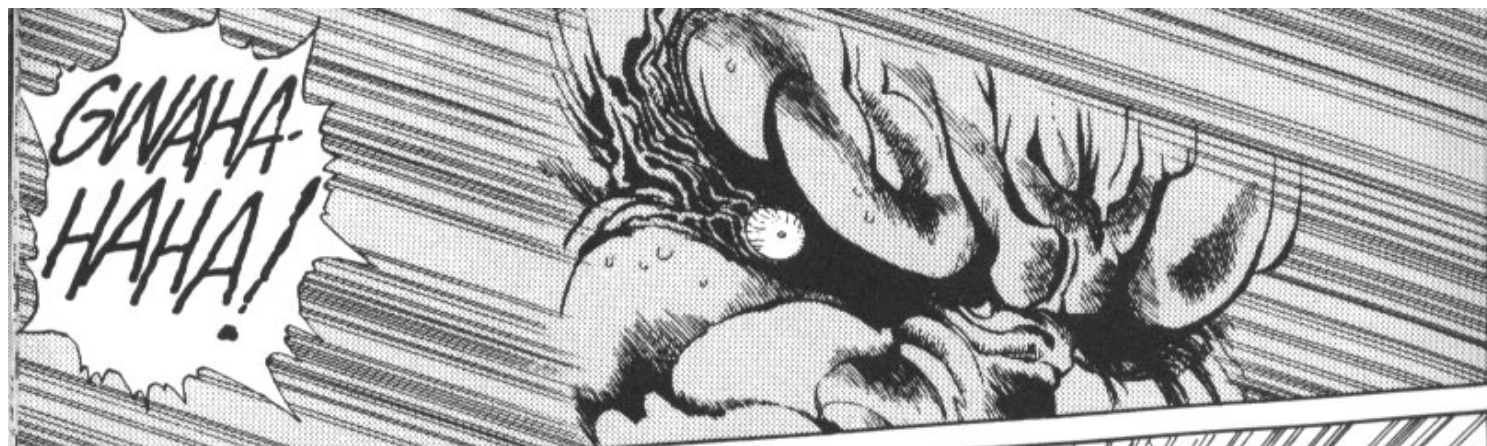
ENEMY
APPROACHING!

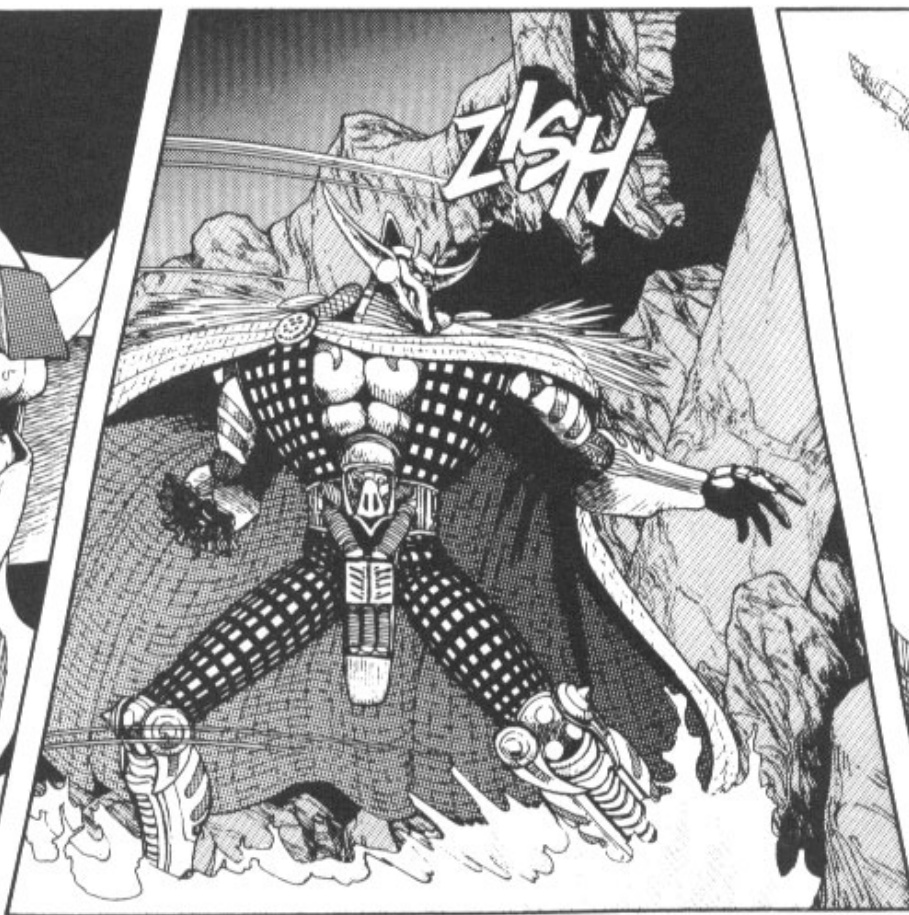
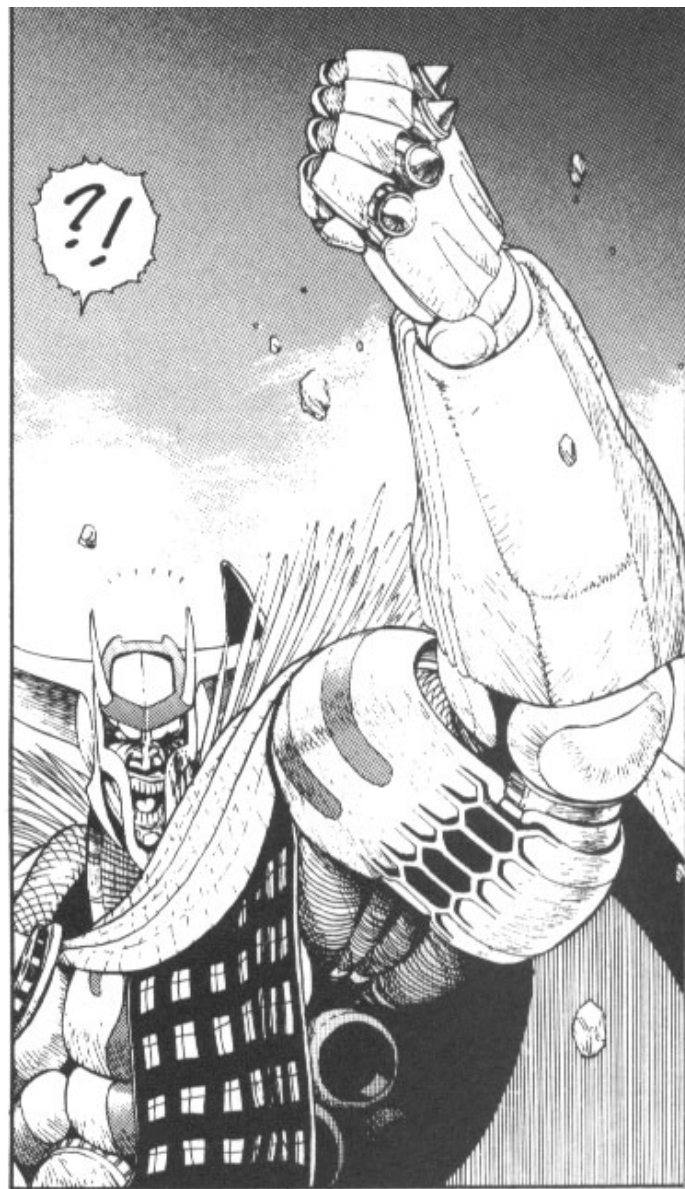


YAAAH!

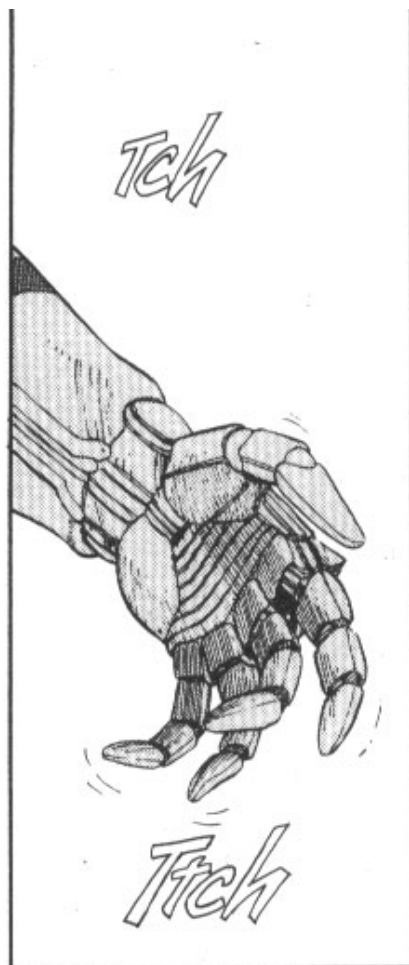
WHY,
YOU
LITTLE--
!!











FORGET
IT. YOU'VE
LOST!

AND TO
MAKE SURE
YOU DON'T
DO ANY
MORE BAD
THINGS...



...I'LL DISINFECT
THAT BRAIN OF
YOURS--BY BURNING
IT CLEAN AWAY!

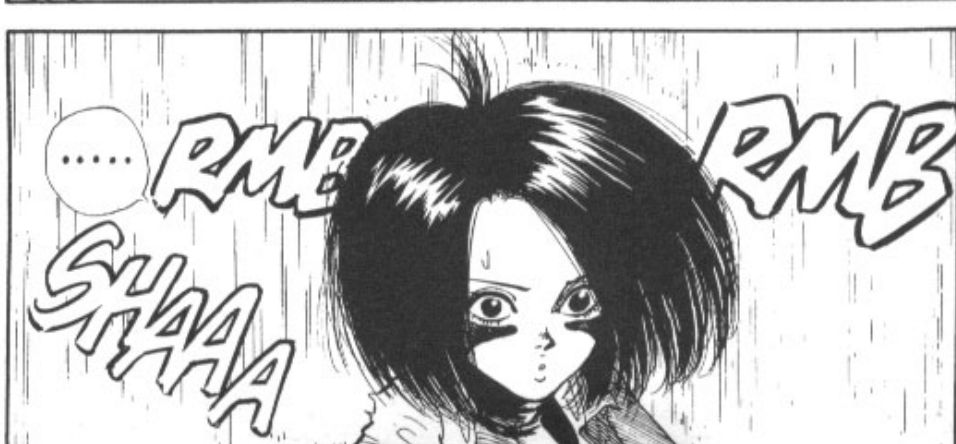
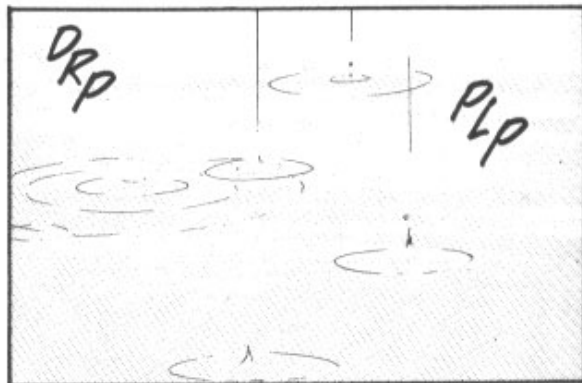
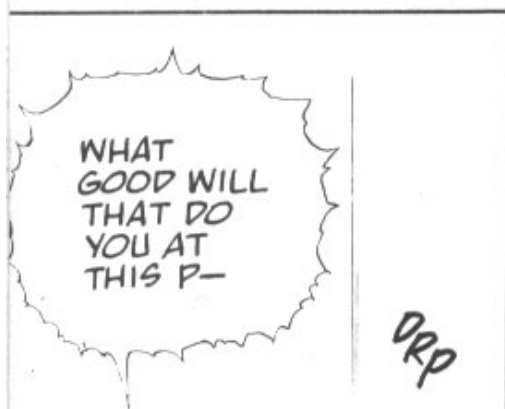


GUGU...
GUFU...



GWAHA
HAA!
THAT'S MY
ANGEL, ALL
RIGHT.

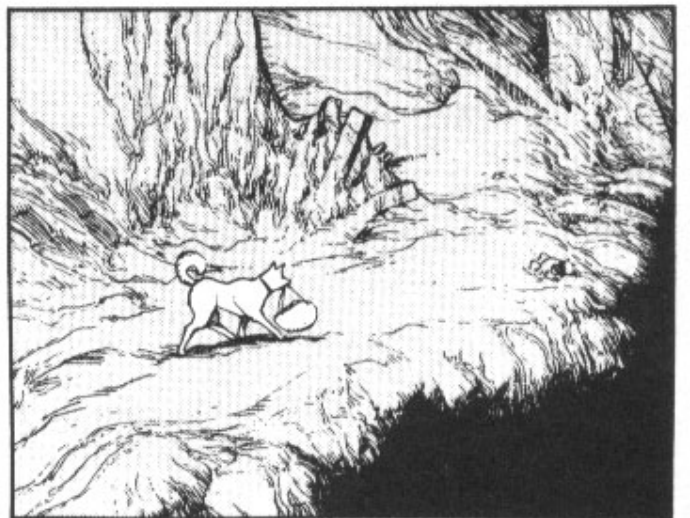
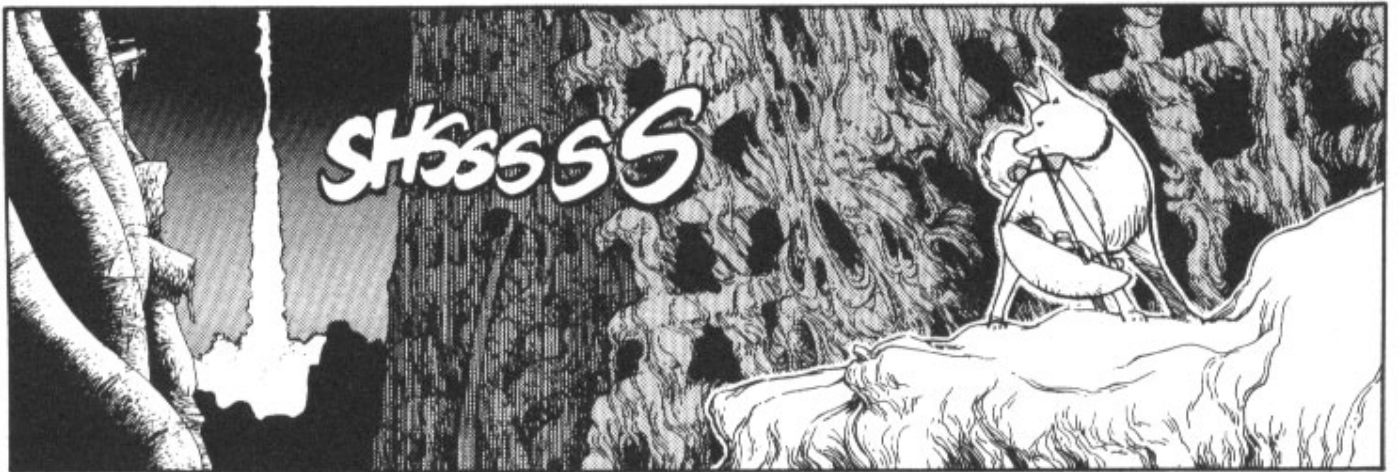
BUT DO YOU
THINK I CAME
TO THESE
SEWERS JUST
FOR THE
HELL OF
IT!?

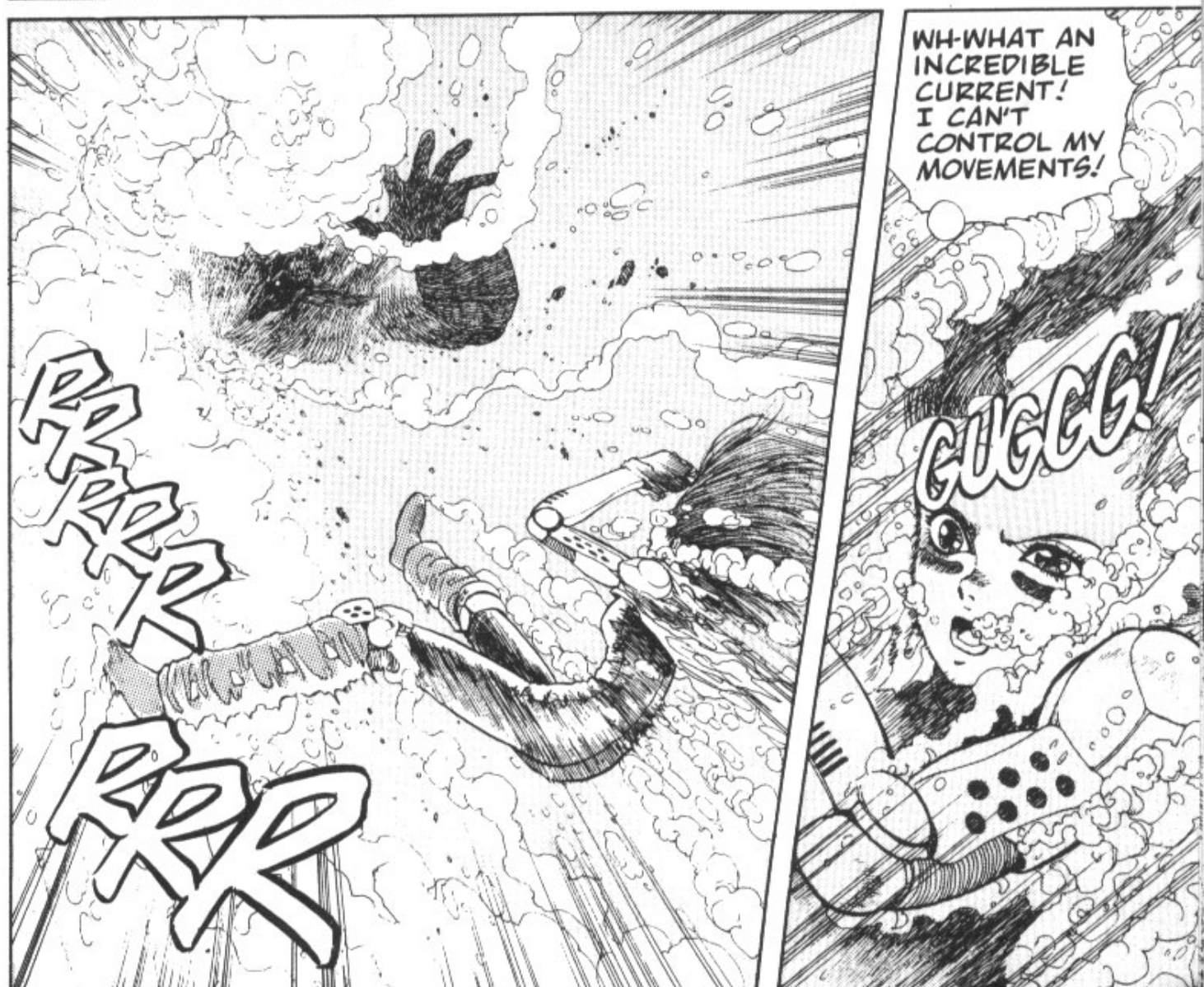
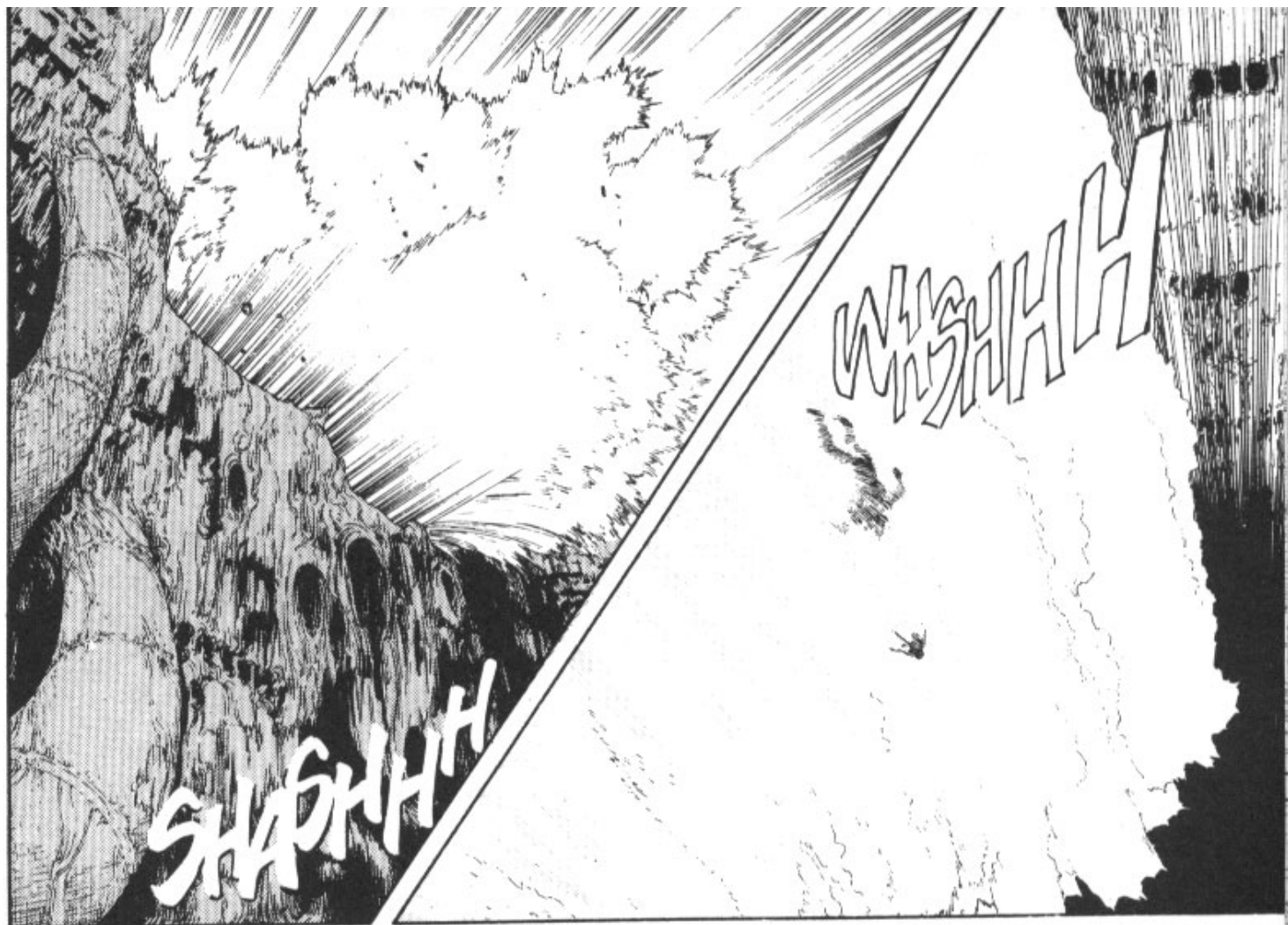




EVERY DAY
AT THE SAME
TIME, THE SEWAGE
FROM THE SURFACE
TANKS OF THE
SCRAP YARD IS
DUMPED...
RIGHT HERE
!









SUDDENLY
THE
TABLES
HAVE
TURNED,
EH,
ALITA!?

YOU
CAN'T MAKE
PLASMA
UNDERWATER,
CAN YOU!?

GA
BA
BA



WHAT'S MORE,
WITH THE
CURRENT AT
MY BACK I
CAN SWING MY
G-CUTTERS
WITHOUT
WORRYING
ABOUT THE
RECOIL!

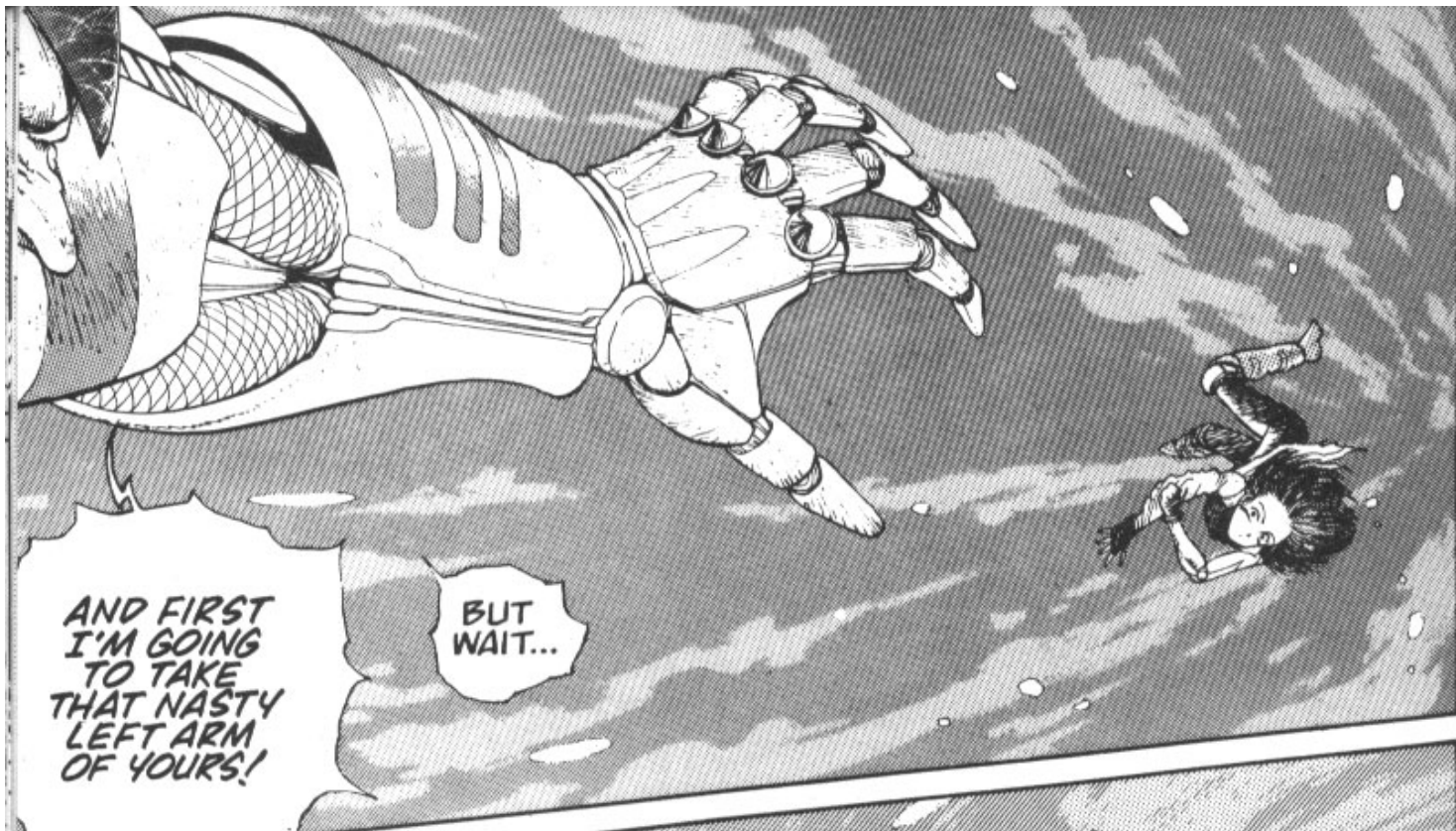
RR
RR
RR



GUUU...

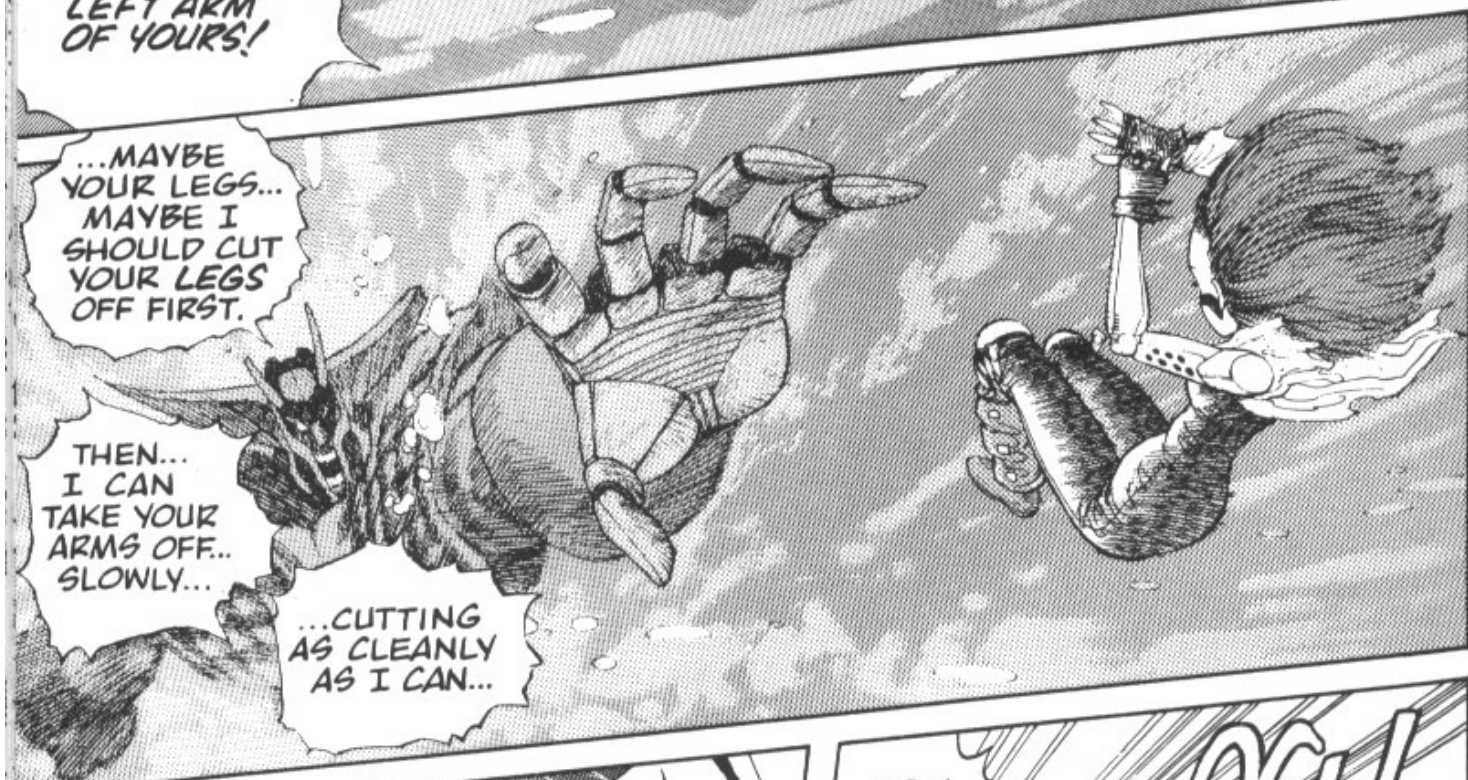
....





AND FIRST
I'M GOING
TO TAKE
THAT NASTY
LEFT ARM
OF YOURS!

BUT
WAIT...



...MAYBE
YOUR LEGS...
MAYBE I
SHOULD CUT
YOUR LEGS
OFF FIRST.

THEN...
I CAN
TAKE YOUR
ARMS OFF...
SLOWLY...

...CUTTING
AS CLEANLY
AS I CAN...

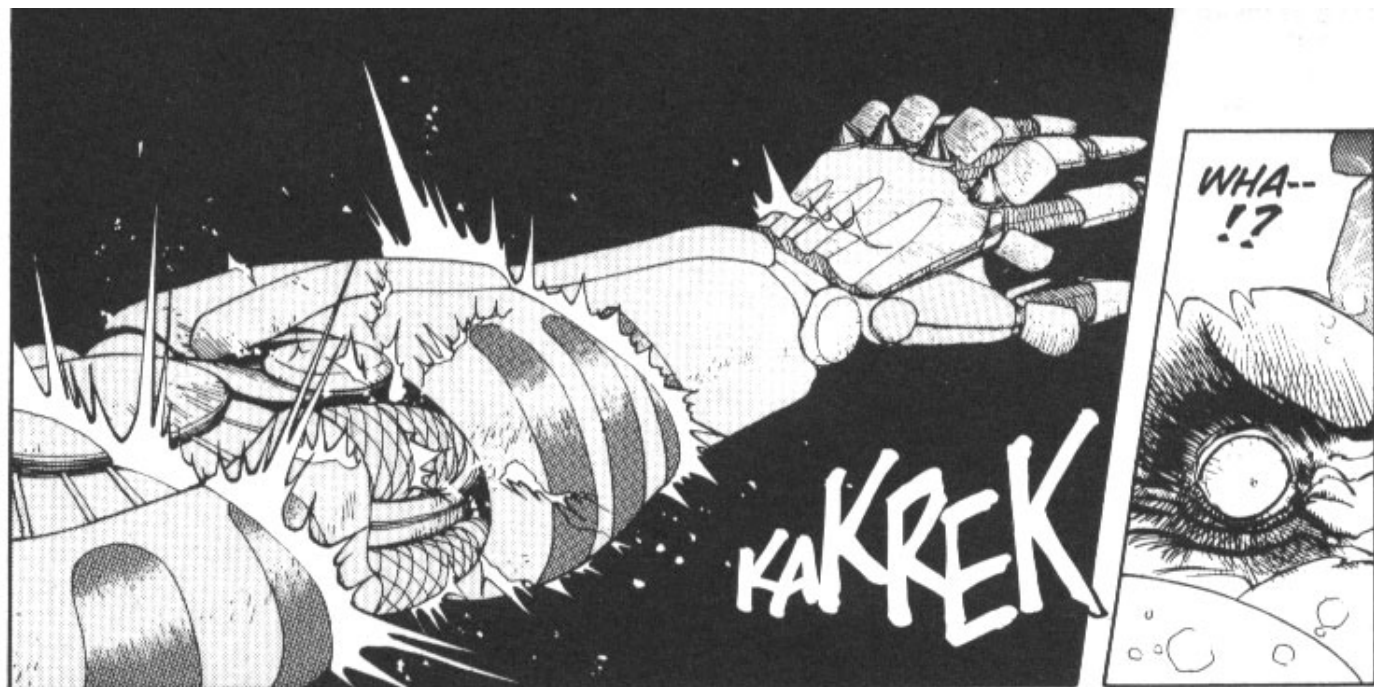


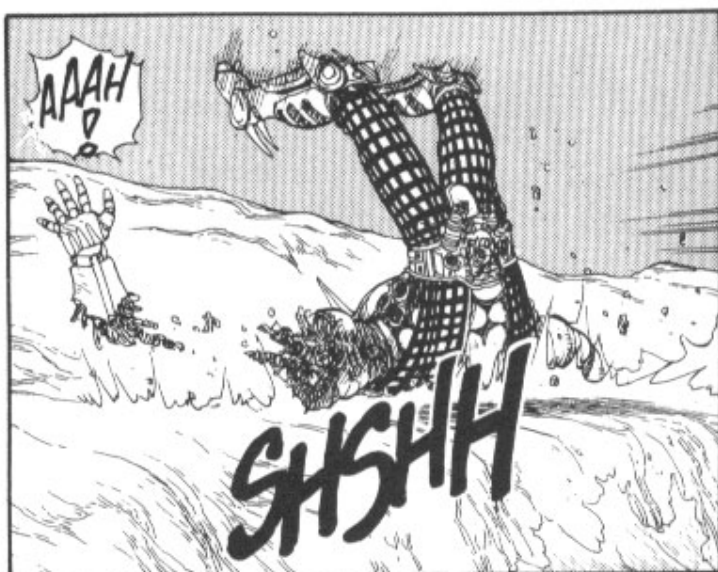
...LEAVING
JUST THE
HEART
OF YOU.

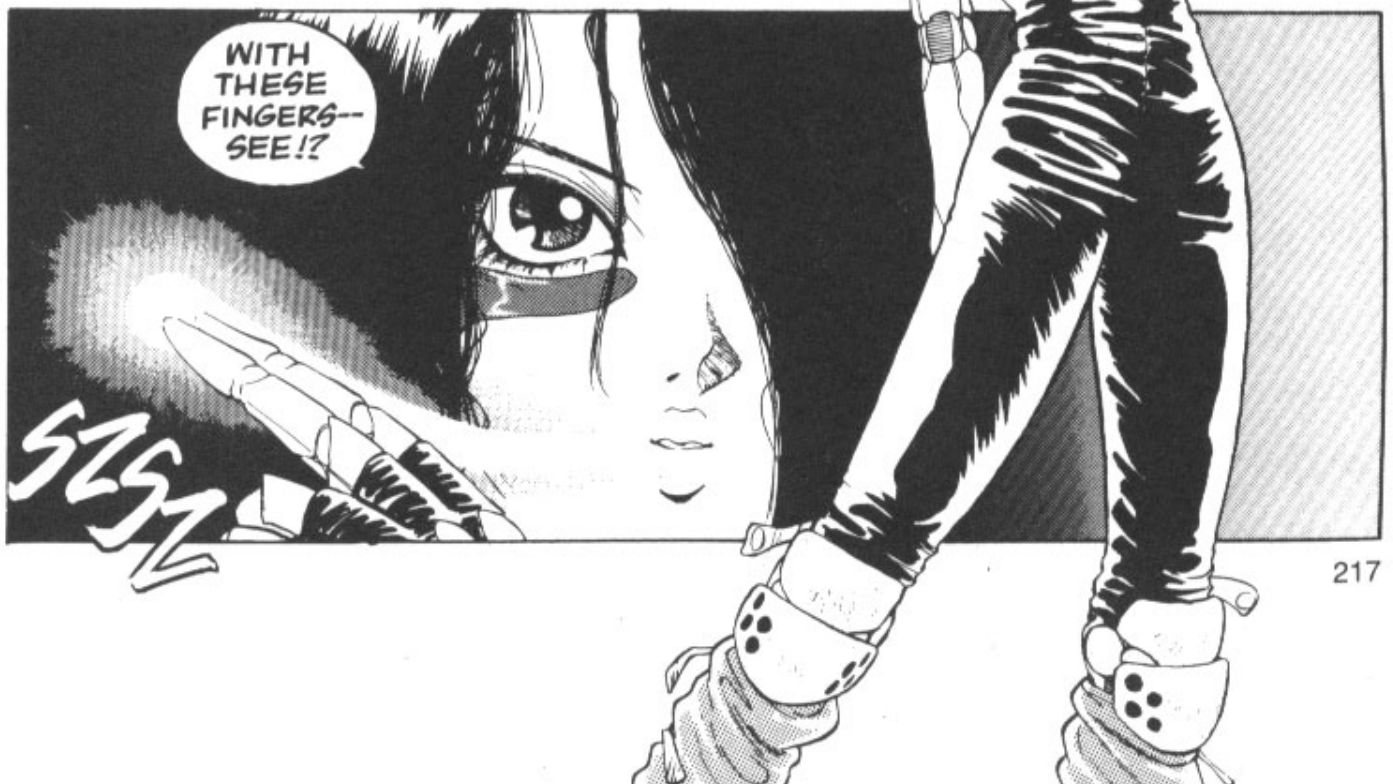
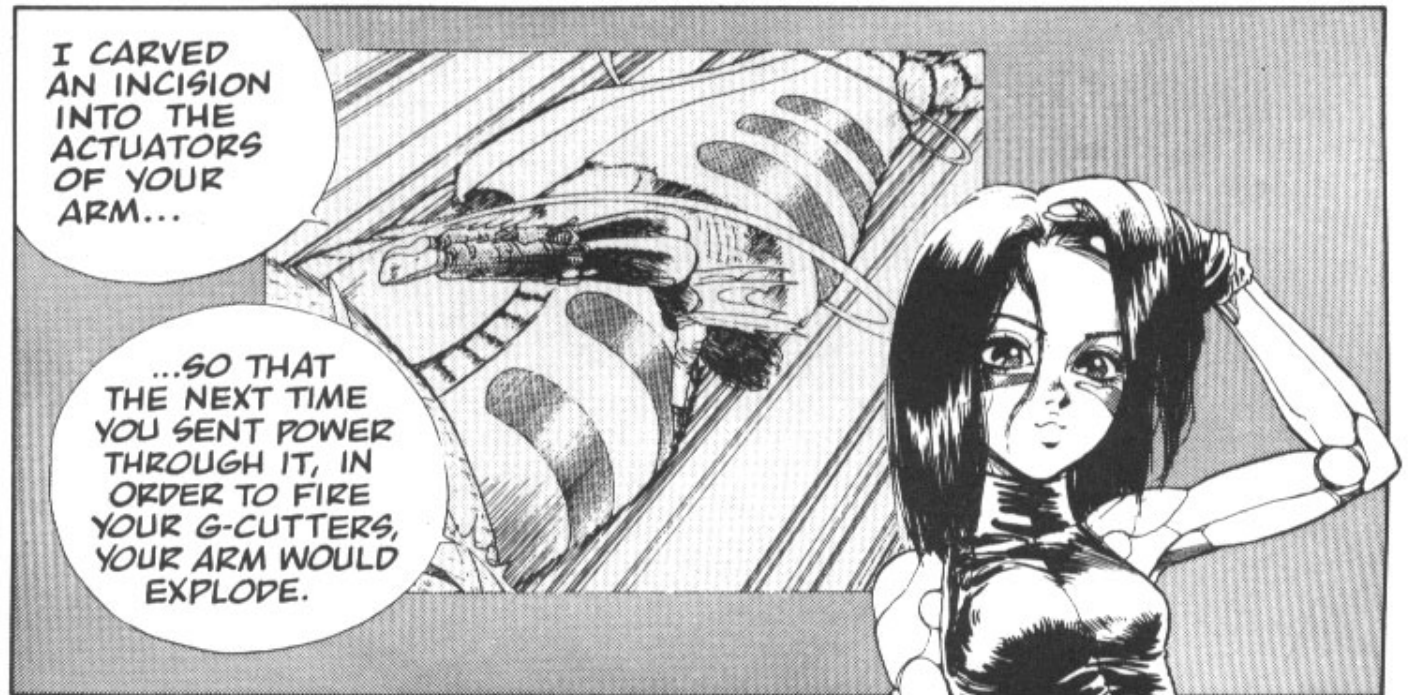
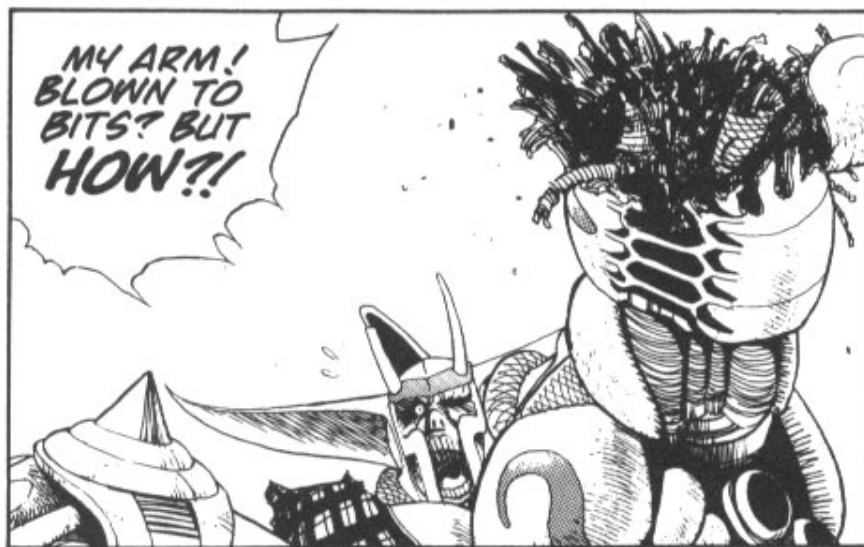
EVERY DAY,
YOU CAN
SOOTHE ME
WITH YOUR
CRIES OF
DESPAIR!
GUBYA-
BAAHA!

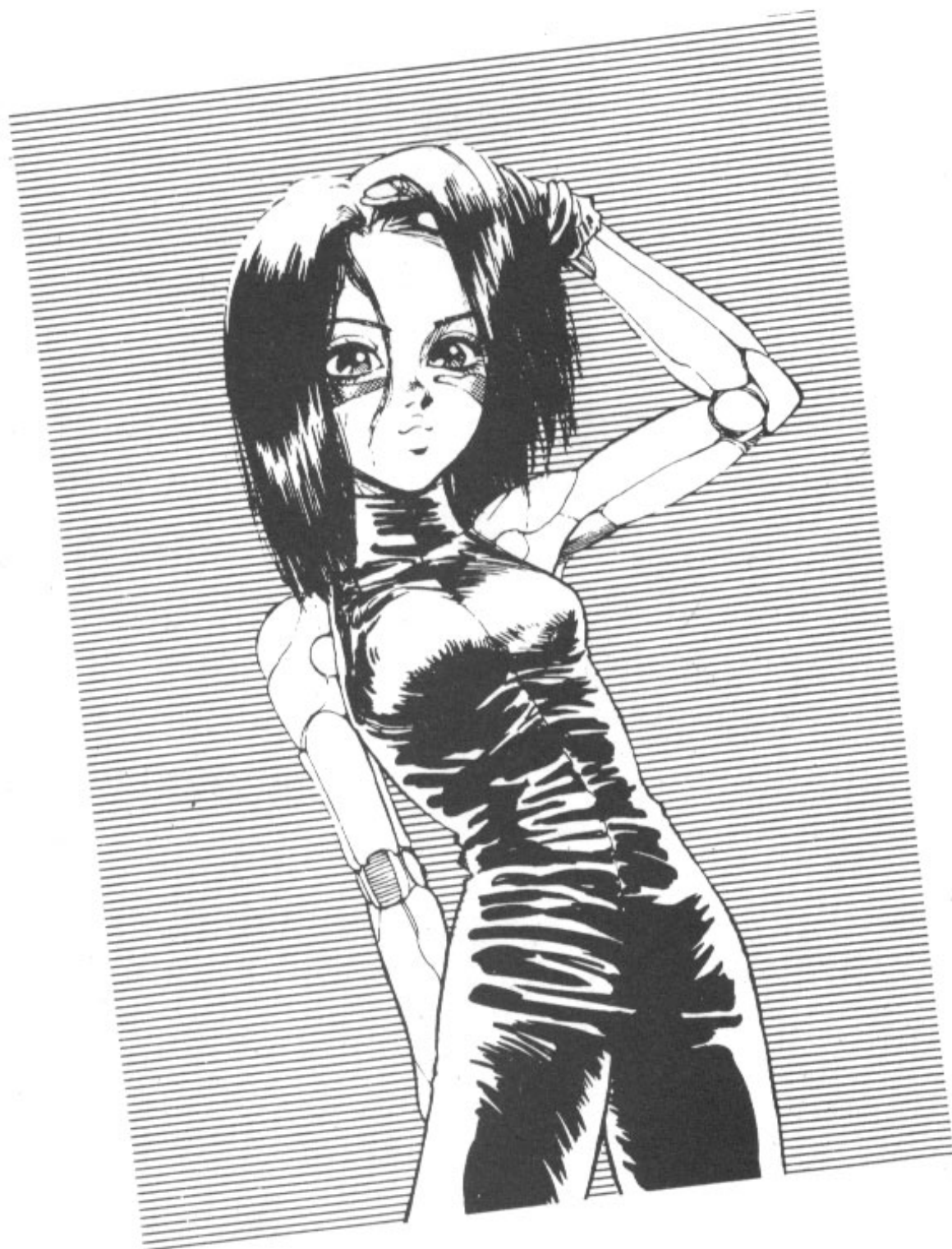
NOW,
ALITA!

SHOOOSH









THE TEARS OF AN ANGEL

Battle 7: Compassion





WHUSHHH

NO ONE
PASSES
JUDGMENT
ON MAKAKU
THE GREAT!

YOU'VE HAD
YOUR FLING,
MAKAKU, EATING
OTHER PEOPLE'S
BRAINS AND
TAKING OVER
OTHER PEOPLE'S
BODIES--

--I WON'T
LET YOU
GO BACK
TO THE
SURFACE
AGAIN!

I'LL
BURY YOU
RIGHT
HERE!

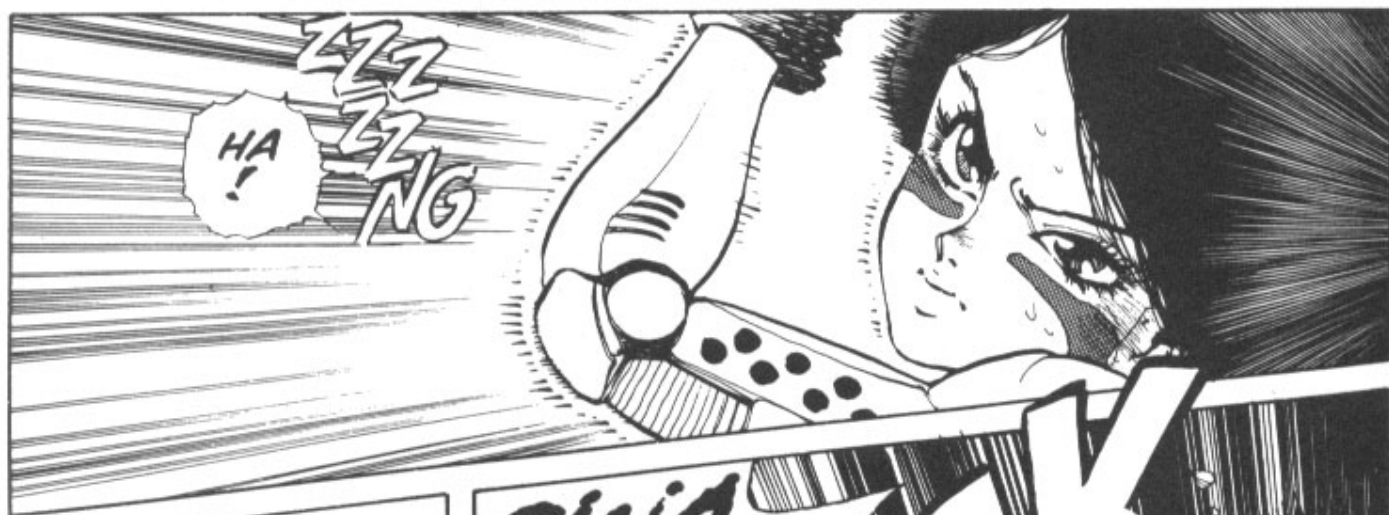
YHAA!

GWA

EVERYONE LIVES
BY EATING OTHER
LIVES! PEOPLE
PLUNDER FROM THE
WEAK FOR THEIR
OWN BENEFIT
EVERYDAY!

CHK
CHK
CHK

KAATINK



EVEN YOU,
ALITA--THE
REWARD HAS
BROUGHT YOU
TO ME,
HASN'T IT
?!

GWA
HA
HA!
FWAAK



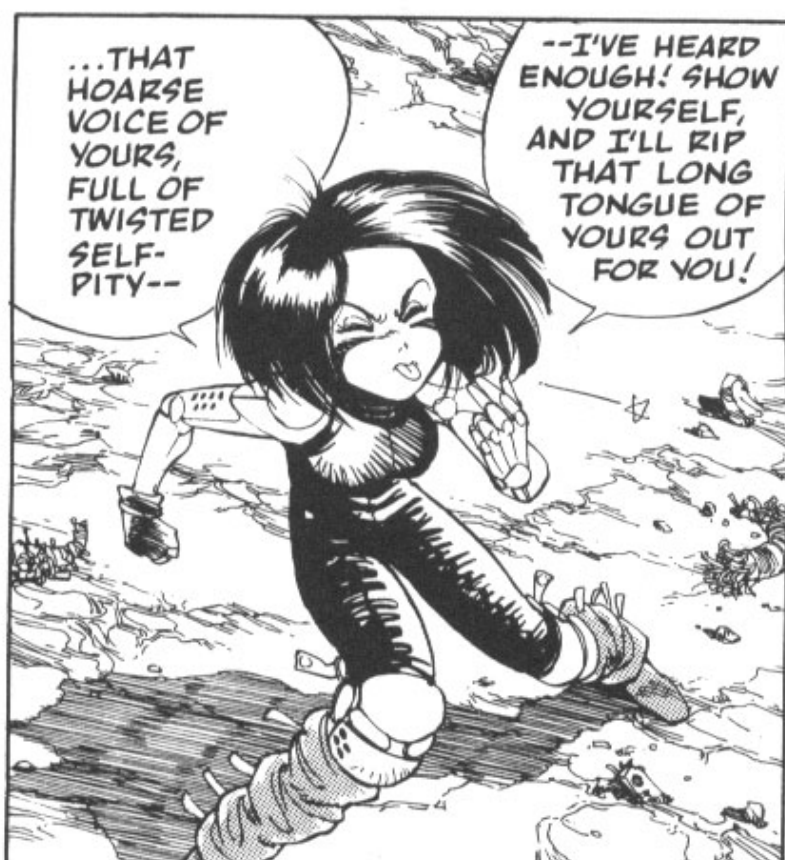
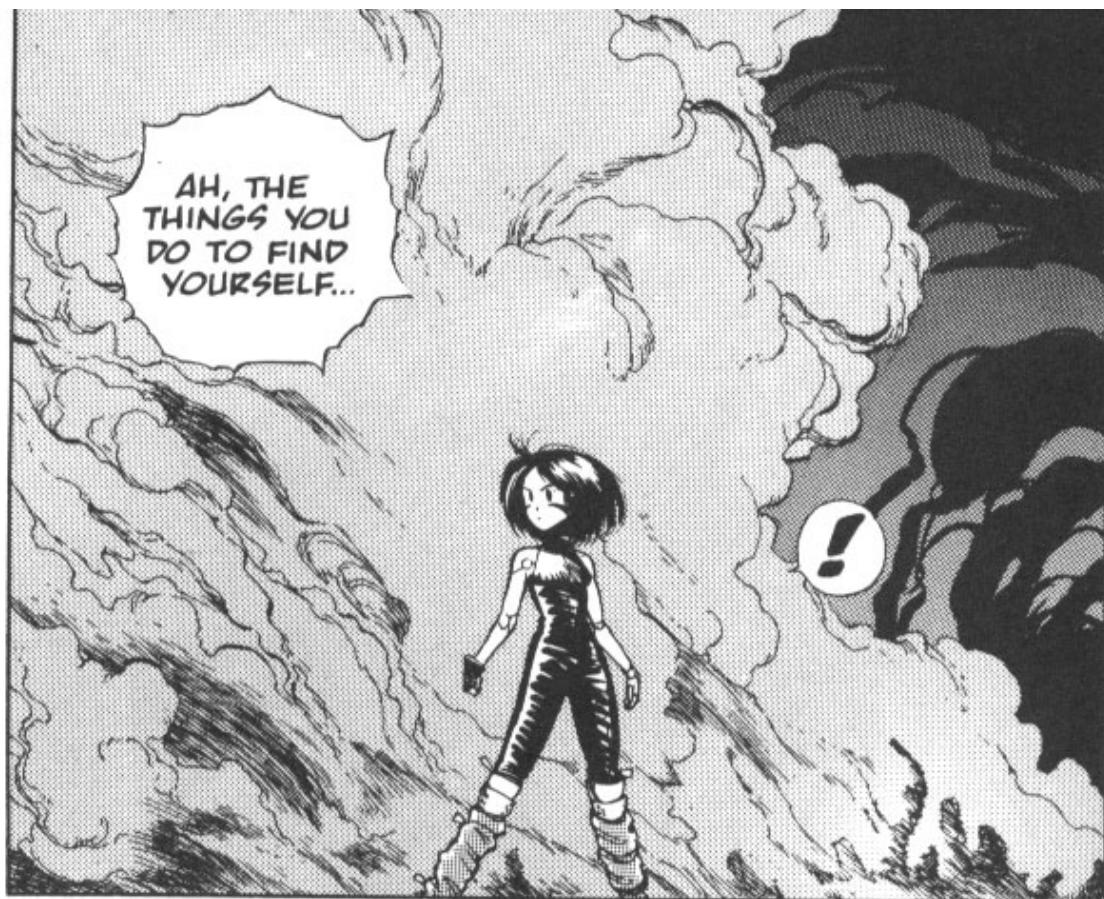














DON'T TRY
TO USE YOUR
PLASMA JET,
ALITA.

SLORP

WHAT
!?

NOT WHILE
WE'RE STANDING
ON TOP OF AN
OLD "ENERGY
STAND"--A
TANK MADE OF
HYDRIDE
ALLOY!*

GWA
HA
HA
HA

THE HEAT
OF YOUR
LAST LITTLE
EXPLOSION
UNLEASHED
A CLOUD OF
HYDROGEN!

SO DON'T
TRY
ANYTHING
FOOLISH!

SSSSSS

IF YOU
IGNITE THAT
HYDROGEN,
THIS ENTIRE
CAVERN WILL
BE BLOWN
AWAY!

* HYDRIDE ALLOY: AN ALLOY THAT ABSORBS AND STORES HYDROGEN GAS. WHEN FORCED TO EXPEL THAT HYDROGEN, THE ALLOY ALSO RELEASES HEAT.





THE EXPLOSION...!
HE'S ALREADY
MORTALLY
WOUNDED...



YOU SEE...
I'M
ALREADY
TOO FAR
GONE...

BUT...
I'M
CONTENT,
ALITA...



pik
pok

CONTENT
TO COMMIT
DOUBLE
SUICIDE
WITH YOU!

BZZZZ



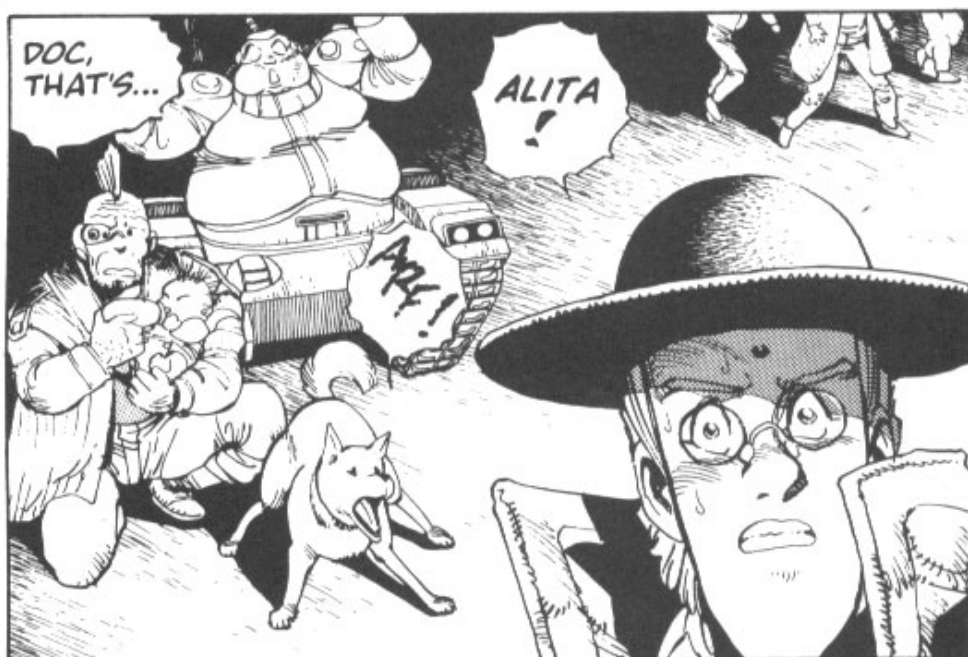
LET'S
BLOW
OURSELVES
TO
HELL--
TOGETHER
!

CHK
CHK





IT'S OVER
IN THE
DIRECTION
OF THE
EASTERN
SCRAP
DUMP.



KABOOH
KABAM

RAAAAA





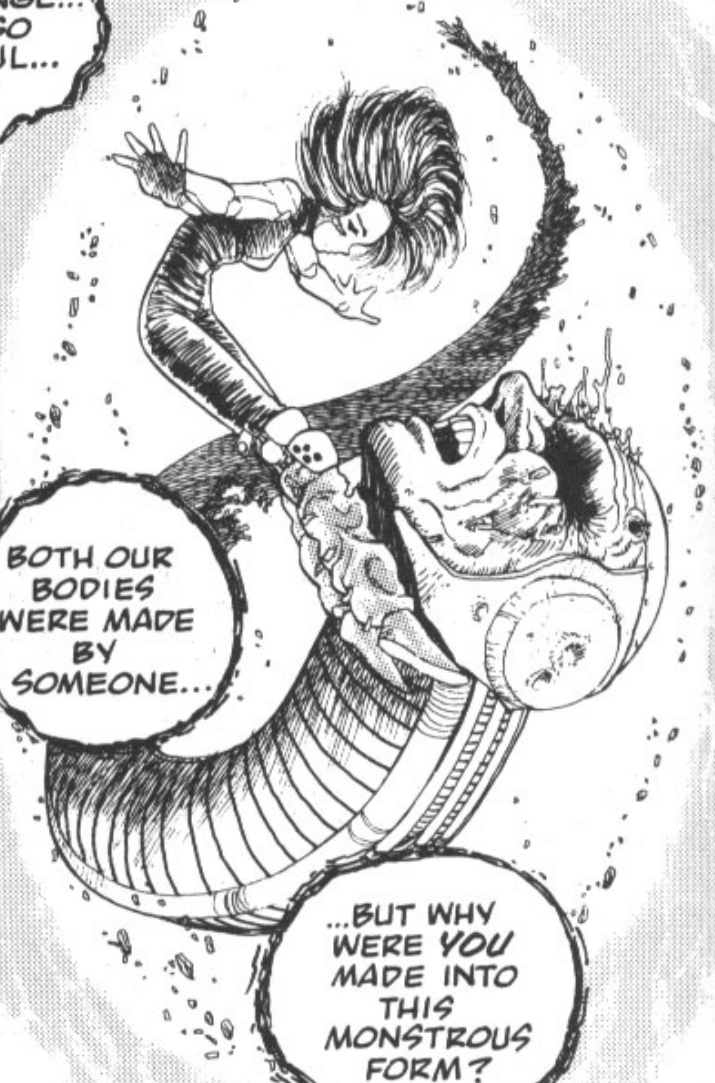
WHERE...
AM I,
ALITA...?

GGG...
HOW STRANGE...
I FEEL SO
PEACEFUL...



THE BLAZE
FROM THE
EXPLOSION
IS A KIND
OF PLASMA,
SO I'M
ABLE TO
HOLD IT
BACK WITH
AN ELEC-
TROMAGNETIC
FIELD.

NOW WE
CAN TALK...I
NEED TO
KNOW SO
MUCH...



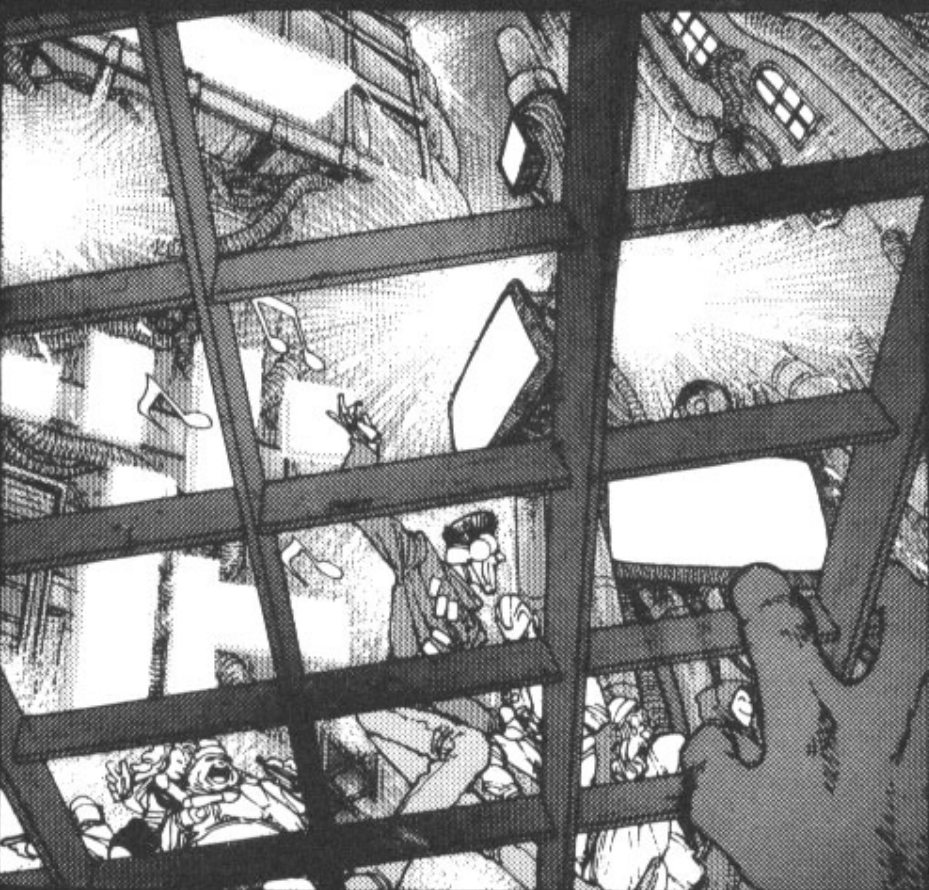
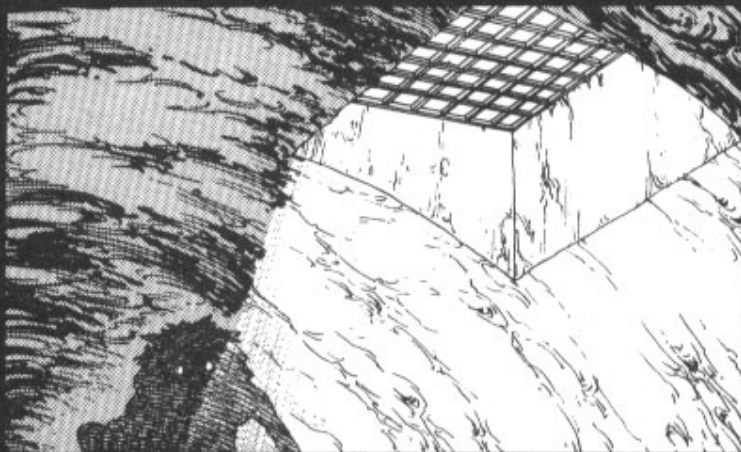
BOTH OUR
BODIES
WERE MADE
BY
SOMEONE...

...BUT WHY
WERE YOU
MADE INTO
THIS
MONSTROUS
FORM?

MONSTROUS
FORM...?

BECAUSE
THAT'S WHAT
I WANTED,
OF COURSE.









ALL...
I-I DON'T
WANT TO
DIE.

TWUCK



WILL
ANYONE
KNOW I'VE
LIVED?

OR MUST
I JUST BECOME
MUSH,
DISSOLVING
AWAY...

...WITH
NO ONE TO
REMEMBER
ME...

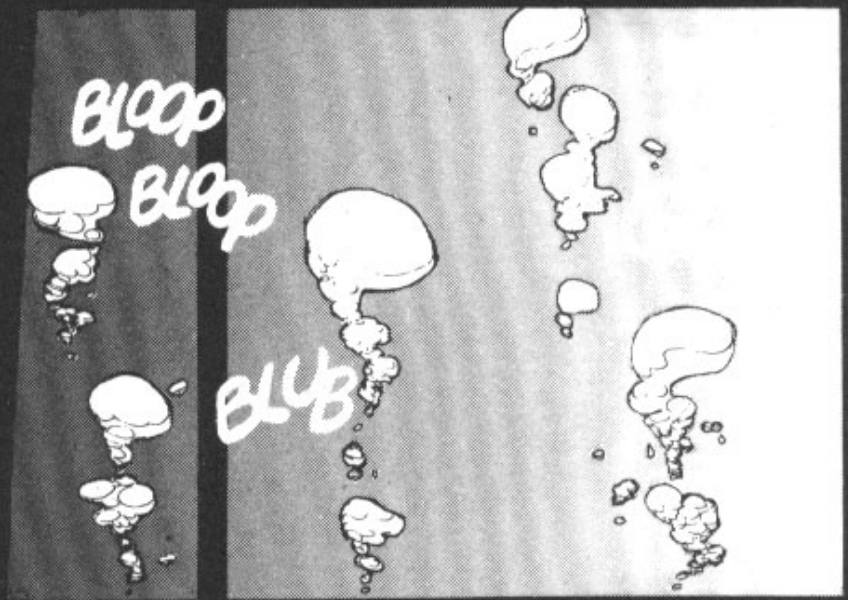


SOMEONE!
ANSWER
ME-E-E-E...

I'M HERE...
I'M HERE,
ALI-I-I-VE...

SOMEONE...

SOMEONE,
NOTICE ME...



YOU'RE
LUCKY.

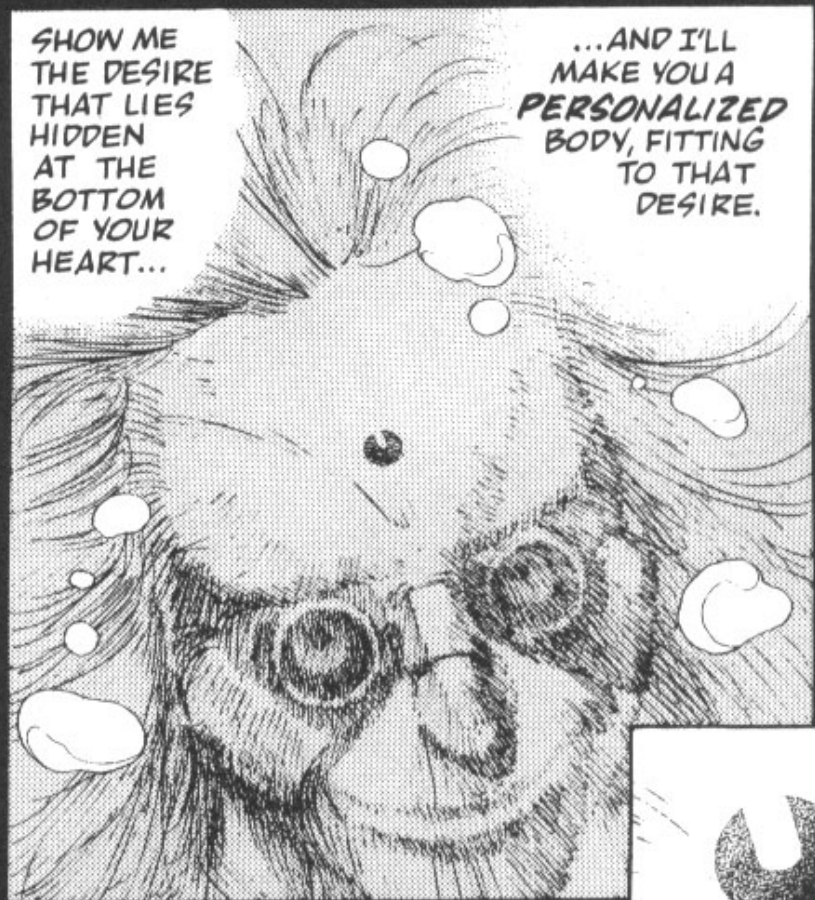
YOU WERE
DYING IN THE
SEWER-- I
SAVED YOU...



...BUT YOUR
ORIGINAL
BODY
WASN'T
SALVAGE-
ABLE.

HEH.
HEH...

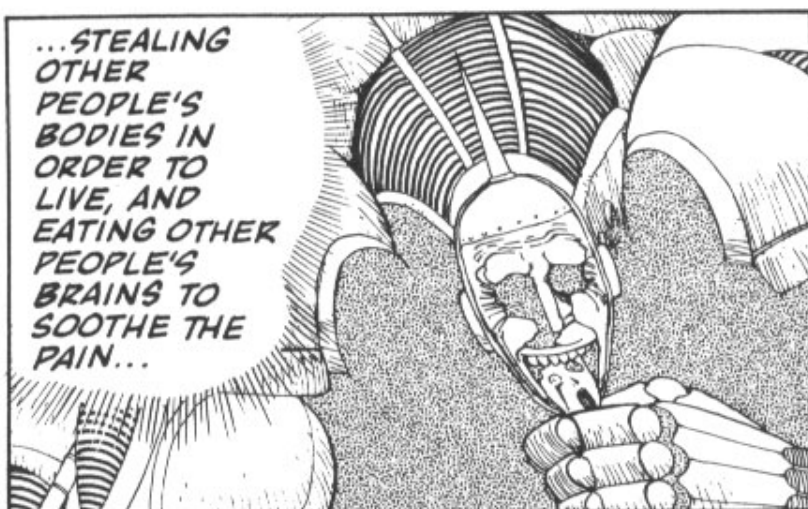
SO...I'LL
GIVE YOU
A NEW
BODY--
AS A
PRESENT.



SHOW ME
THE DESIRE
THAT LIES
HIDDEN
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF YOUR
HEART...

...AND I'LL
MAKE YOU A
PERSONALIZED
BODY, FITTING
TO THAT
DESIRE.





NO
ONE
HEARD
MY
CRIES.

NOTHING
HAD CHANGED
SINCE THE
TIME I LAY
DYING IN THE
SEWER.

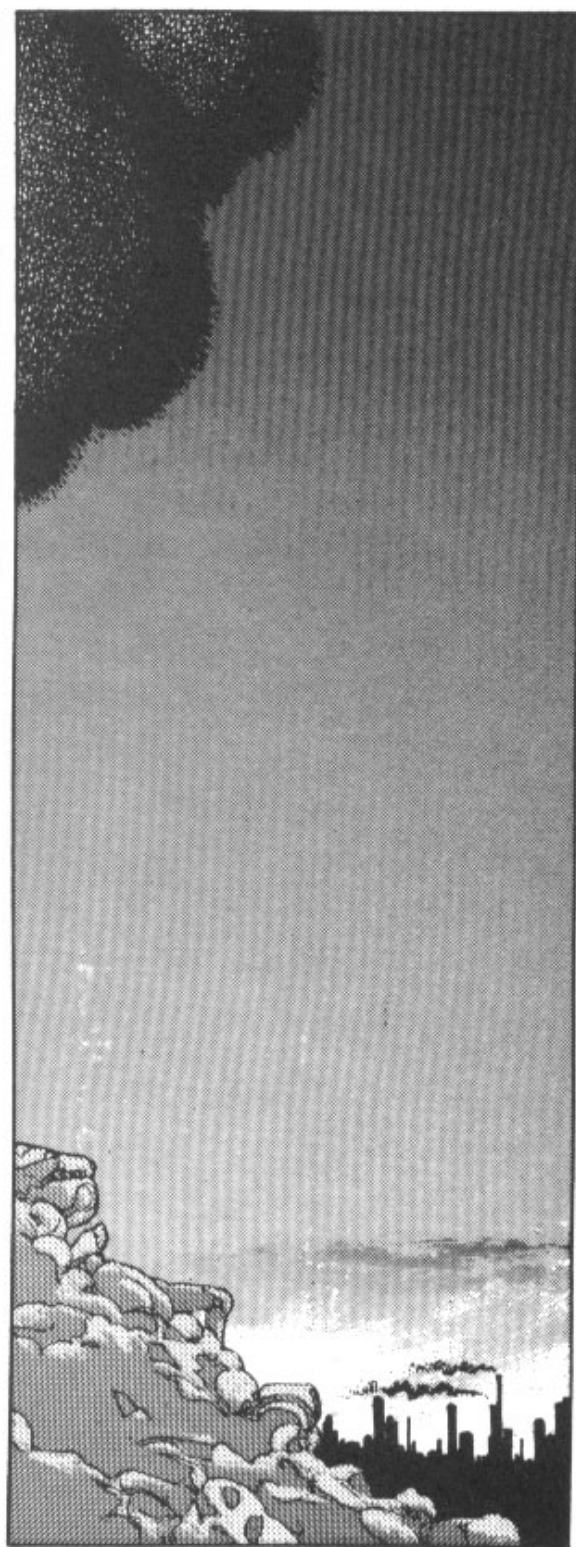
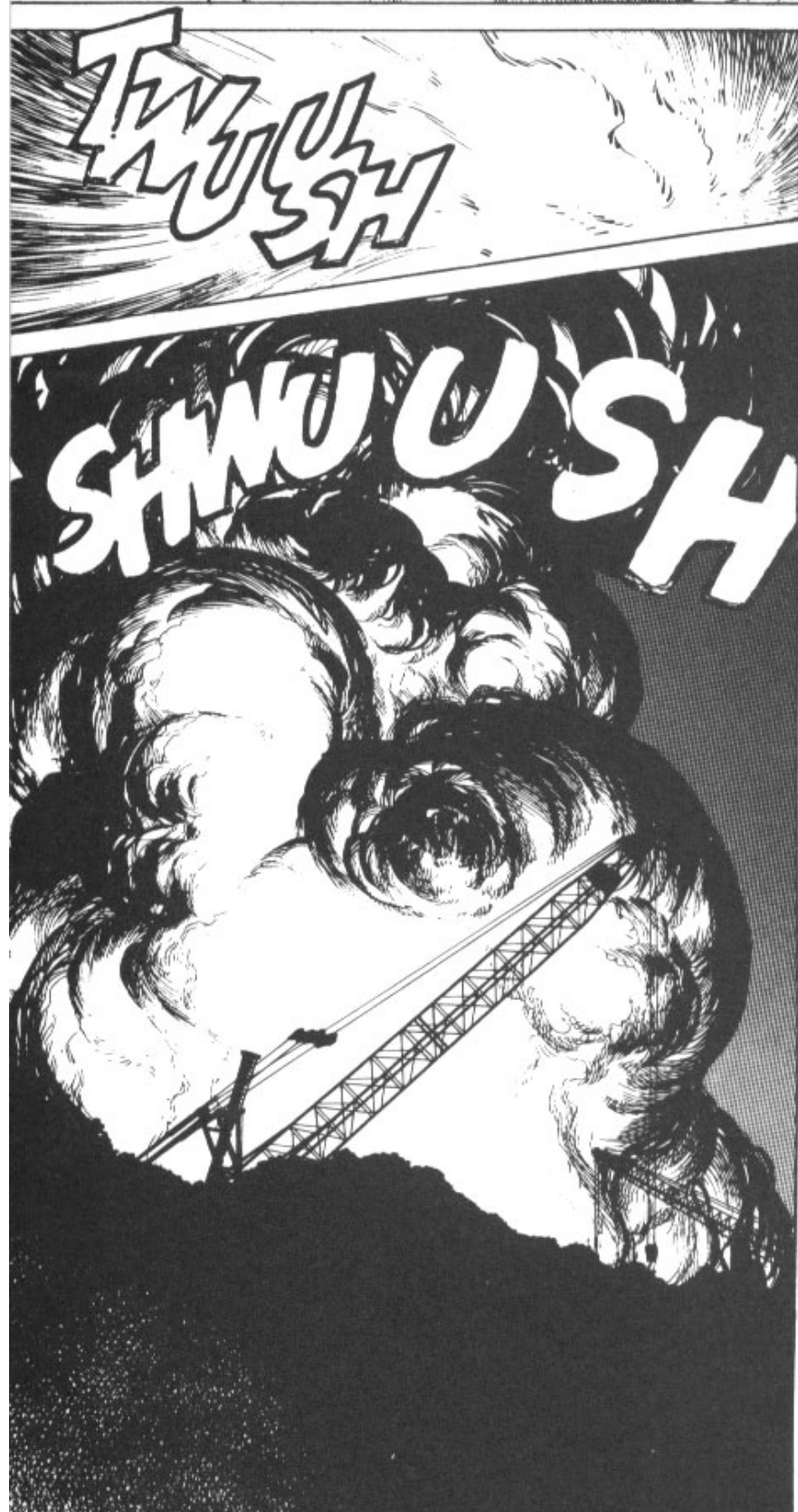
THAT'S
WHERE
I WAS...

...ALITA...
WHEN YOU
APPEARED.

DESPISE
ME!

SMASH
ME TO
PIECES!

BURN
MY SOUL
TO A
CINDER!!

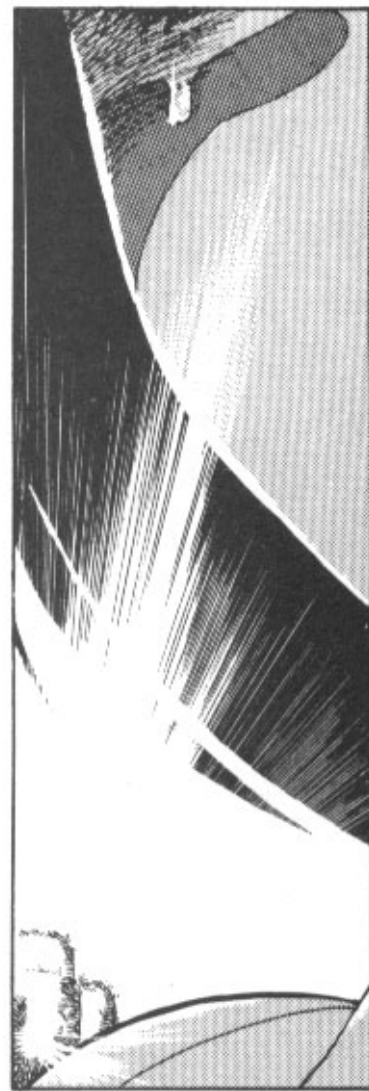


...I DON'T
KNOW IF IT'S
A SIN OR
SOMETHING
TO BE
PROUD OF...



TK
TKTK
TK

...IF IT IS
HATRED OR
SADNESS...



...BUT I AM MOVED
TO TEARS--BY
SOMETHING I CAN'T
EXACTLY EXPLAIN...



FINIS